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Aaron Smith is out with what the Steelers are calling a significant injury. **1B**

Love endures

William Weaver found something sweeter than a Klondike Bar at Isaly's. **3A**

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Continuing Pride

Fran Roberts transformed his hobby into a successful business. **1C**

Talks secret

Health care negotiations slip back behind closed doors today. **5A**

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Steelers concerned

Concussions are a constant concern for NFL football players. **1B**

Going gets tough

Brian Herman says the Steelers' soft schedule is getting harder by day and by the injury. **1B**

Rutgers next

Pitt coach Dave Wannstedt has always had problems with Rutgers. He'll get another chance Friday. **4B**

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- Joan Lloyd Lee, Fredericktown (Richeyville)
- Miriam R. Reimer, 87, New Eagle, formerly of Binghamton, N.Y.
- Richard L. Sabatini, 74, Fallowfield Township
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Szakal wants new trial

A juror claimed he was coerced into voting for the murder conviction.

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The attorney representing a Webster man convicted of robbing and killing a Carroll Township couple is seeking a new trial, claiming a juror was coerced into convicting his client.

Gerald Szakal was convicted Oct. 1 of robbing and fatally shooting retired Carroll Township police Chief Howard Springer, and his wife, retired teacher Nancy Springer, March 4, 2008, in their home at 1241 Highland Road.

The prosecution contended Szakal stole jewelry and rare coins from his mother's Rostraver Township house and sold them to the Springers, who operated a precious metals business out of their home. The prosecution contended Szakal murdered them because their business logs could have proved he committed the thefts.

In addition to the two counts of homicide, Szakal also was convicted of two counts each of robbery, theft by unlawful taking or disposition, receiving stolen property and conspiracy to commit robbery.

The jury found Szakal not guilty of two counts each of conspiracy to commit homicide and tampering with evidence.

Defense attorney Noah Geary has filed a motion seeking to have the verdict set aside.

In the motion filed in Washington County Common Pleas Court, Geary contends juror Everett Miller telephoned his office the

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Monessen gym open to CFU tourney

Two school directors claim the Croatian organization is racist.

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MONESSEN – A Monessen School director is claiming an ethnic organization conducting a basketball tournament in the city is racist.

Director Maria Scuteri on Tuesday voted against allowing Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge 194 in Monessen to use the high school gymnasium as part of the organization's national basketball tournament.

"They are racially biased and don't allow any person of color to participate," Scuteri said. "I can't approve it."

Board member Marissa Sacco agreed with Scuteri, but also questioned why the district isn't charging the lodge a rental fee.

Superintendent Dr. Cynthia Chelen said the district is not imposing a fee because the CFU is nonprofit.

"But this is a recreational nonprofit. I can see if the entire community benefited, but it's only for people in the CFU," Sacco said.

The board voted 7-2 to allow the basketball tournament to take place in the gym. Directors Cheryl Galilei, Roberta Bergstedt, Donna Fantauzzi, Marilyn Pivarnik, Norbert Vesely, Joe Gigliotti and Jack Howell voted to approve the request.

The local lodge will sponsor the 67th annual national tournament March 26-28. The Monessen lodge played host to the event in 2006 and 1992. In 2006, the CFU used the high school gym and the Monessen Civic Center.

City Councilman Wayne Doptis, a lodge member whose wife, Paula, is sports director for the event, described the tournament as a decades-old tradition in which generations of families participate.

He said "some" black people have participated in the tournament, but referred other comment to lodge officials.

The tournament is expected to attract 40 to 50 teams from lodges around the region. Pennsylvania has the largest number of CFU lodges in the nation with 46.

Local 194 Lodge President George Luketich, of Monessen, and national CFU President Bernard Luketich, of Cokeburg, could not be reached for comment Tuesday evening or this morning.

Associated Press

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Sen. Max Baucus, of Montana, center, flanked by GOP Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, right, and Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., tackle health care reform.

Health care overhaul headed to House, Senate votes soon

Republican Sen. Olympia Snowe bucked party leadership.

By DAVID ESPO
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Historic legislation to expand U.S. health care and control costs won its first Republican supporter Tuesday and cleared a key Senate hurdle, a double-barreled triumph that propelled President Barack Obama's signature issue toward votes this fall in both houses of Congress.

"When history calls, history calls," said Maine Republican Olympia Snowe, whose declaration of support ended weeks of suspense and provided the only drama of a 14-9 vote in the Senate Finance Committee.

With her decision, the 62-year-old lawmaker bucked her own leadership on the most high-profile issue of the year in Congress, and gave the drive to remake health care at least a hint of the bipartisanship that Obama seeks.

At the White House, Obama called the events "a critical milestone" toward remaking the nation's health care system. He praised Snowe as well as Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., chairman of the committee, and declared, "We are going to get this done."

There were fresh challenges. Within minutes of the vote, labor unions and large business organizations both demanded changes in the bill, which was an attempt at a middle-of-the-road measure fashioned by the committee under Baucus' leadership.

Still, nearly nine months after the president pledged in his Inaugural Address to tackle health care, legislation to expand coverage to millions who lack it has now advanced further than President Bill Clinton's ill-fated effort more than a decade ago – or any

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State treasurer: Checks on way

Employees worked over the weekend to get the money moving.

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HARRISBURG – State Treasurer Rob McCord says he is "highly confident" many social service providers and school districts will get state money today or within days, as his agency ramps up payments.

He acknowledged that some payments, delayed by a 101-day budget impasse in the Legislature, might take longer if they're routed through county governments.

At a Monessen School Board meeting Tuesday, Superintendent Dr. Cynthia Chelen said the district expects to receive $1.6 million soon now that the state's budget is finally passed.

She said the district did not have to use any of the $2 million from tax anticipation loan.

Treasury Department employees worked through the Columbus Day weekend to expedite payments to day care providers and homeless shelters that went without since the state lost authority to spend most money July 1. A partial budget in effect since early August paid state employees and emergency services.

"The overwhelming number of payments will be out there," McCord said Tuesday.

On Friday, Gov. Ed Rendell signed a $27.8 billion budget. The treasury will process at least $3 billion in payments

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Homeless man charged in robbery at Finleyville Sunoco

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Aided by passing motorists, police arrested a homeless man Tuesday just hours after he allegedly robbed the Finleyville Sunoco at gunpoint.

Christopher Lee Anthony, 19, whose last known to live in the Monongahela area, was apprehended by Monongahela and Carroll Township police shortly after noon.

Anthony was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge James Ellis, of Peters Township, and charged with robbery, terroristic threats, theft by unlawful taking or disposition, recklessly endangering another person, simple assault and disorderly conduct. He was placed in the Washington County Correctional Facility in lieu of $100,000 bond.

Anthony is accused of robbing the convenience store, at 3580 Washington Ave., Finleyville, 2:49 a.m. Tuesday.

According to Monongahela police, the clerk was outside cleaning up when the suspect approached him and asked to

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VALLEY PEOPLE

Szakal (FROM PAGE ONE)

morning after the verdict was handed down, claiming Miller was extremely upset and told the defense attorney's secretary he "felt forced and coerced into voting guilty on the second–degree murder counts and that he had repeatedly told the other jurors he was voting not guilty on these counts."

Miller further said at least two other jurors were firm that Szakal was not guilty of second-degree murder.

Within an hour of the start of deliberations, the jury asked Judge Debbie O'Dell Seneca to give them a copy of the definitions of first-, second- and third-degree murder. The judge said she was not permitted to give them those definitions in writing. The following day, she re-read those definitions.

Geary's motion claims Miller telephoned his daughter during deliberations, asking her to go on the Internet and read him those definitions.

In his motion, Geary contended remarks made by Assistant District Attorney Craig McKay could be misconstrued to suggest some of the burden of proof was on the defense. Specifically, McKay told the jury the defense failed to call certain witnesses and test certain evidence.

Geary called for a mistrial during the trial, but O'Dell Seneca refused. She did caution the jury to disregard the statements in question by McKay

Asked about the motion, Washington County District Attorney Steve Toprani said, "I haven't had a chance to review the entire transcript. But I don't find anything to be incurable."

In an affidavit filed by Miller last week, he claimed jurors "kept talking about why the defendant did not investigate or test certain evidence like the floor mats, or door handle of the truck. I told the juror that it was improper to consider that since the judge had told us not to consider that and that the burden of proof was always on the government. The other juror ignored me and continued to say that the defendant was guilty because he did not investigate or test certain evidence."

Miller claims his verdict was "against his conscience." He saw Geary on the street immediately after the jury was discharged and wanted to stop him and tell him he was coerced. Miller said he could not sleep that night.

"I firmly believed and believe that there was reasonable doubt on second-degree murder," Miller said in his affidavit. "However, the judge told us that our verdict had to be unanimous."

Miller claimed two other jurors believed they could not vote not guilty, "because the judge told us that we had to be unanimous on every crime."

The Geary motion seeks a new trial, claiming that during jury selection a prospective juror told others in the courtroom he believed Szakal was guilty; and witness Dennis Hawkins allegedly stood on the courtroom steps during the trial and told jurors Szakal was guilty.

In his affidavit, Miller claimed he twice wrote notes that he wanted to be passed to the judge, but was prevented from doing so by other jurors. He said his fellow jurors told him they had to unanimously agree to send notes to the judge.

Toprani said his office will respond within days to O'Dell Seneca's order for a written response to Geary's motion.

"We were certainly pleased with the jury's efforts," Toprani said. "These allegations are new to our office and we'll address them in due time.

"I'm optimistic we'll prevail."

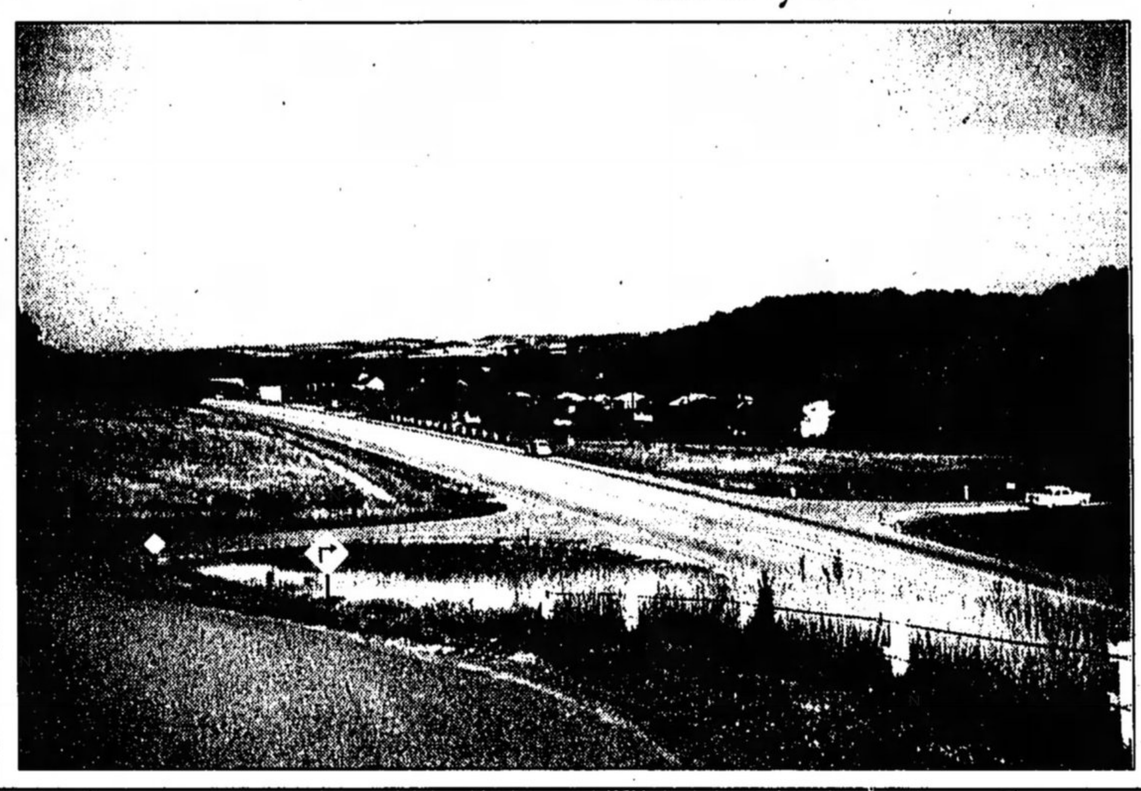
Toprani vowed to "continue with the same advocacy we did from the beginning."

The district attorney grew up next door to the Springers and remains close to the family. Toprani said he hasn't spoken to the family since Geary's motion was filed.

He decline to speculate on how his office would react if a new trial is ordered.

"We will address all matters as we go forward," he said

Yesteryear



Here is a shot of the Arnold City Exit of Interstate 70 in 1955 before the overpass was constructed. The photo was submitted by John Kuma, of Belle Vernon.

If you have a good old-time photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Weather

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
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purchase an item. When they went inside the store, Anthony brandished a medium-size, black, semi-automatic pistol.

He pointed the weapon at the clerk's head, demanding the money in the register and threatened to shoot him, police said. He took the money from register as well as the clerk's wallet, which held approximately $50.

Police said the money from the register was "substantial."

The suspect told the clerk, "If you call cops, I'll kill you" and then fled on foot, according to police.

After reviewing store surveillance tape, police recognized Anthony, a person they knew from previous encounters.

Police received information that Anthony was seen in the 600 block of East Main St., Monongahela. As Carroll and Monongahela police drove into the area, passing motorists alerted them that a man matching Anthony's description was seen running into a nearby wooded area.

Police pursued on foot and arrested Anthony.

Monongahela police Chief Brian Tempest thanked the two motorists who stopped to help police.

"Without them helping us and pointing us in right direction, we probably wouldn't have apprehended him," Tempest said.

Tempest said the investigation is ongoing. He said police do not believe Anthony acted alone.

Checks (FROM PAGE ONE)

this week.

"I have great confidence in Treasurer McCord," said Sen. Jake Corman, R-Centre County, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Com-mittee.

Bank transfers should arrive today. Most checks will take another day or two to arrive by mail, said Keith Welks, deputy treasurer for fiscal operations.

Tony Ross, president of United Way of Pennsylvania, said he is hopeful that even payments such as those for mental health services that first go through county governments will arrive by early next week.

The United Way of Pennsylvania, in a letter to Rendell and legislative leaders, yesterday asked the state to pay for interest on loans that many social service providers took out because of the budget impasse.

"In the interest of fairness, the commonwealth should find a way to provide relief to groups who incurred debt through no fault of their own, while maintaining commitments to the public and the commonwealth with no compensation," the letter said.

The Pennsylvania School Boards Association planned to make a similar request.

Rendell was noncommittal, saying the answer would depend on what the state can afford.

Health Care (FROM PAGE ONE)

other attempt in more than a generation.

The next move in the Senate is up to Majority Leader Harry Reid, whose office said the full Senate would begin debate on the issue the week of Oct. 26.

Nominally, Reid must first blend the bill that cleared during the day with a version that passed earlier in the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. But in reality, the majority leader – with the participation of the White House – has a virtual free hand in fashioning a measure to wind up gaining the 60 votes needed to overcome a threatened Republican filibuster.

"The bottom line here is we need a final bill, a merged bill, that gets 60 votes," Baucus said. "Our goal is to pass health care reform not just talk about it."

Reid's most politically sensitive decision revolves around proposals for the federal government to sell insurance in competition with private industry. The Senate bill approved in committee during the day omits the provision, while the one passed earlier includes it and many House Democrats support it as well.

In general, bills moving toward floor votes in both houses would require most Americans to purchase insurance, provide federal subsidies to help those of lower incomes afford coverage and give small businesses help in defraying the cost of coverage for their workers.

The measures would bar insurance companies from denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions, and for the first time limit their ability to charge higher premiums on the basis of age or family size. Expanded coverage would be paid for by cutting hundreds of billions of dollars from future Medicare payments to health care providers. Each house also envisions higher taxes — an income tax surcharge on million-dollar wage-earners in the case of the House, and a new excise levy on insurance companies selling high-cost policies in the case of the Senate Finance Committee bill.

Apart from Snowe, Republicans on the committee cited higher taxes, a greater federal role in the insurance industry and other concerns as they lined up to oppose the bill.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said the legislation would place the nation on a "slippery slope to more and more government control of health care."

Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, elicited testimony earlier from the head of the Congressional Budget Committee that a substantial portion of the bill's tax increases would fall on groups Obama has vowed would be protected: individuals making $200,000 or less and couples below $250,000.

Snowe, too, said there were problems with the bill, but on balance, the risks of doing nothing were too great.

The vote made the Finance Committee the last of five in Congress to complete its work on health care. It also marked a personal triumph for Baucus, who weathered criticism from fellow Democrats after his attempt at bipartisanship cratered earlier this fall after months of exhaustive effort.

In the end, disgruntled liberals on the panel, including Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia and Ron Wyden of Oregon, went along in hopes the bill eventually would be reshaped more to their liking.

Across the Capitol, Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her lieutenants have been at work for weeks trying to blend legislation approved by three House committees.

The eventual result is certain to include a government option, but the details of the plan have split the rank-and-file and leaders have spent days struggling with the issue.

One group favors allowing the government to negotiate with doctors, hospitals and other health care providers for fees to be paid to treat patients who have federal insurance policies, an approach that involves higher costs for the government.

Apart from the details of the emerging bills, there were signs that the political struggle was intensifying.

Several officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said business groups were discussing plans to step up their opposition to legislation. The health insurance industry made clear its own unhappiness on Monday when it released a study by the prominent auditing firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers, saying the Finance Committee bill would raise premiums significantly for millions who already have insurance.

The report drew intense criticism from the White House, Democrats in Congress and other advocates of the legislation.

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Bullskin	Oct 20	6:30 - 8:30	Municipal Building
Dunbar	Oct 22	6:30 - 8:30	Fire Dept. Social Hall
Uniontown	Oct 27	2:00 - 4:00	First Niagra Bank Bldg. (formerly National City
Uniontown	Oct 27	6:30 - 8:30	VFW #47
Ohiopyle	Oct 28	6:30 - 8:30	Community Center

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Valley briefs

2 people shot by accident

Two people were injured in an accidental shooting inside a vehicle early Tuesday in Brownsville.

The shooting occurred when something caused a shotgun to discharge around 12:30 a.m. along the 500 block of Fifth Avenue, according to police.

Patricia Christner, 19, and Randy Painter, 21, both of Brownsville, were injured, police said. Police believe the pair was exiting the car when it discharged.

Both were flown by helicopter to UPMC Presbyterian hospital in Pittsburgh for treatment. The injuries are not believed to be life-threatening, police said.

Brownsville police are investigating what caused the gun to discharge.

Airport Authority posts $2M budget

The Westmoreland County Airport Authority on Tuesday revealed a $2 million preliminary budget for 2010.

"There's no surprises, good or bad," said authority spokesman Dwayne Pickels yesterday. "In some areas, we're anticipating greater costs, and in others, we're anticipating generating more revenue."

Projected expenditures at Arnold Palmer Regional Airport in Unity total about $1.6 million. Rostraver Airport has been assigned almost $395,000.

The county will contribute $848,821 for the operation of Arnold Palmer Regional and about $20,000 for Rostraver Airport, with no change from 2009.

The budget will soon be reviewed by the county finance department, Pickels said. If there are no objections, the authority will adopt a final budget in January.

In other business, the authority voted yesterday to extend the lease of the Westmoreland Aviation Academy, located at Arnold Palmer Regional, through 2015, Pickels said. The board approved a two-year lease for the academy through 2011 earlier this year.

Emma Jene Lelik/For The Valley Independent

William and Margaret Manack Weaver, of Rostraver Township, have a special place in their hearts for Isaly's. They first met in the chain's Brownsville store more than 60 years ago.

Isaly's brought couple together 60 years ago

She has been "the love of his life" for more than 60 years.

William Weaver came to Pennsylvania from Chattanooga, Tenn., on New Year's Day, 1949, sent by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) to work in this region.

"While working in Labelle as a construction electrician with 15 other construction workers, we would gather at the Isaly's in Brownsville to have our breakfast and get our lunches for work," he said.

"I was always known as the guy with 'mayo on both sides,'" he continued.

In August 1949, he headed for breakfast at Isaly's and saw a "new girl" was doing the cooking.

"I just couldn't take my eye off her," he confided.

He said on Labor Day everyone was off for the holiday, so he headed to Isaly's for an ice cream cone.

To his joy, the "new girl" was working again.

He and the former Margaret Manack had their first date that day.

"Business was slow so I asked her to the movies," he said.

She asked her boss for a few hours off and they went to the movie theatre just around the corner.

"That was officially our first date and then we dated every weekend after that," he said.

Six weeks later, on Oct. 19, 1949, they were married.

Emma Jene **LELIK**

"Marge still remains the love of my live and we'll celebrate our 60th anniversary on October 19," he said.

The couple lived in Brownsville for two weeks and then moved to Ambridge, where he worked on the South Heights Power House.

They moved to Rostraver Township in April 1950.

Over the 46 years of his trade, William Weaver worked on such projects as the "T" tunnel in Mt. Lebanon and at various hospitals.

In 1960, the union sent him to New York City to work on the subway signal system in the tunnels under the city streets, the World's Fair in Flushing and the Verranzano-Narrows Bridge.

They moved into their present home in January 1956.

Marge, a graduate of Rostraver High School, has been a homemaker, but worked part-time at Grant's in Belle Vernon and Montgomery Ward's in Charleroi.

Her husband has enjoyed bowling for 68 years and instructed children in the sport for 23 year.

He is past president of Pittsburgh Bowling Association and the Pennsylvania Bowling Association.

He was elected to the Bowling Hall of Fame of both groups.

The couple has six children: William D. (Sherrie) Weaver, of Texas; Rosemary (Bernie) Koliscak, of Belle Vernon; Mary Ann (Jim) Kelly, of Florida; Richard (Kathy) Weaver, of Greensburg; Trudy (Dennis) Wegman, of Arizona, and Sherry (Stanley) Whitfield, of Georgia.

They also have 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

"Isaly's has always been our favorite store, mainly because of its name," William Weaver said.

"To us it means: I Shall Always Love You, Sweetheart."

2 Westmoreland judges seeking retention Nov. 3

Judges Bell, Marsilli each seek another 10-year term on bench.

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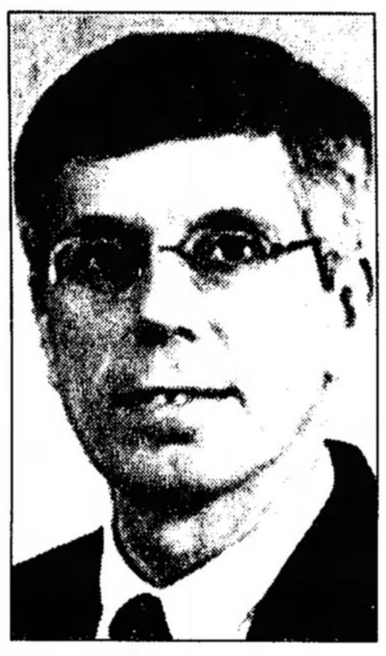
Judge Bell



Judge Marsili

Westmoreland County voters will vote Nov. 3 on the retention of Judges Alfred Bell and Anthony Marsili.

Voters will either answer "yes" or "no" as to whether each judge should serve another 10-year term.

The two Democrats were elected to the county bench in 1999. Both have served in the family court division.

Marsili has heard cases involving divorces, child support, child custody, adoptions and protection from abuse allegations. In addition to those cases, Bell has handled juvenile criminal court.

Bell, 61, of Hempfield said he's looking forward to another term.

"It's been an interesting 10 years because I've been in family court and I never did family court before," Bell said.

Bell previously worked as the first assistant in the District Attorney's Office.

Next year, there is expected to be one opening each in the criminal and civil divisions. Bell declined to comment on whether he would seek to shift assignments.

Marsili, 58, of New Kensington worked as an assistant district attorney and for a decade prior to his election had a civil law practice.

If he is retained, Marsili said he expects to shift to the civil court division.

"I've been in family court for the last 10 years and for some unusual reason for the first eight years I really loved family court. Over the last year or so it's just become so emotional and so heartbreaking in a lot of ways," Marsili said.

Sitting judges are not required to face opposition to retain their seats.

The Westmoreland County Bar Association has recommended that both Bell and Marsili be retained.

Marsili finished with what association officials said might be a record level of support.

In a survey of 400 association lawyers, Marsili was recommended for retention by 98 percent of 247 attorneys who responded.

Bell received support from 77 percent of the 247 attorneys who responded.

Bell's totals mirrored the level of support other judges received in recent years, said association President Jim Antoniono.

"These are considered excellent results," Antoniono said.

Poll: Specter's popularity low

For The Valley Independent

Only 31 percent of Pennsylvania voters believe Democratic Sen. Arlen Specter should be re-elected, and 59 percent believe it's time to give someone else a chance, a state poll released today shows.

Specter's numbers are "staggering," said pollster Jim Lee, president of Susquehanna Polling and Research. An incumbent typically is vulnerable if fewer than 40 percent approve of his or her re-election, Lee said. The poll of 700 registered voters, conducted Oct. 7-12, has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.7 percentage points.

"When I see a re-elect in the low 30s, that's ... near fatal," Lee said.

A Susquehanna Poll in February found 38 percent of Pennsylvanians believed Specter deserved to be re-elected.

Specter, 79, of Philadelphia holds a 44-16 percent lead over Rep. Joe Sestak, his challenger in the 2010 primary, with 22 percent of voters undecided. Eighteen percent of those polled said they would not vote for either candidate or would vote for someone else.

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DEATH NOTICES

AFFINITO — Jennie C. Affinito, of Monongahela, on Monday, Oct. 12. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

LEE — Joan (Lloyd) Lee, 78, of Fredericktown (Richeyville), on Tuesday, Oct. 13. Greenlee Funeral Home, Beallsville.*

REIMER — Miriam R. Reimer, 87, of New Eagle, formerly of Binghamton, N.Y., on Tuesday, Oct. 13. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

SABATINI — Richard L. Sabatini, of Fallowfield Township, on Tuesday, Oct. 13. Ferguson Funeral Home Inc. and Cremation Service, Belle Vernon.*

WATSON — Clyde M. Watson Jr., 88, of Washington, formerly of Bentleyville, on Monday, Oct. 12. Piatt & Barnhill Funeral Home, Washington.*

WRIGHT — Thelma V. Wright, 90, of Washington, Pa., formerly of Daisytown, on Tuesday, Oct. 13. Greenlee Funeral Home, Beallsville.

PREVIOUS DEATH WELSH, Shirley A.*

* See death notice

Jennie C. Affinito

Monongahela

Jennie C. Affinito, of Monongahela, died Monday, Oct. 12, 2009, in the Jefferson Regional Medical Center, Pittsburgh. Born in Charleroi, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Rose Caligino DeStefon. Jennie was a graduate of Charleroi High School where she enjoyed swimming and playing basketball. She was a member of St. Anthony's Church, a homemaker who especially loved cooking for her "grandkids" and had a passion for the Pittsburgh Steelers. She is survived by three daughters and two sons, Rosalie and Jeannene Affinito, Bernadette and husband Lee Kramer and Mark and wife Kathy Affinito, all of Monongahela, and Bernard R. and wife Billreda Affinito of Dresden, Ohio; eight grandchildren, Patrick and wife Donna Kramer of Monongahela, Tim Kramer of Carnegie, Christine and husband Brian Wagner of Nashport, Ohio, B. Michael Affinito of Columbus, Ohio, Mark A. Jr., Jennie M., Dominick B. and Anthony J. Affinito, all of Monongahela; four great-grandchildren, Leah and Jared Kramer, Matthew and Lizzie Wagner. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard J. Affinito, who died Feb. 18, 1993; three brothers, Joseph, Sam and Anthony DeStefon; and a sister, Theresa Corbelli. Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 W. Main St., Monongahela. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in St. Anthony's Church with the Rev. Joseph Feltz, pastor, as celebrant. Committal services and interment will follow in the Monongahela Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Anthony's Church, 225 Park Ave., Monongahela, Pa.,15063, or to a charity of one's choice. St. Anthony's Altar Rosary Christian Mothers will recite the rosaries Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. in the funeral home. To leave an online condolence, visit www.fryefuneralhome.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Joan (Lloyd) Lee

Fredericktown (Richeyville)

Joan Lloyd Lee of Fredericktown, (Richeyville), died Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009, in the Donnell House, Washington, Pa. She was born April 12, 1931, in Butler, the daughter of Elden E. and Mable Leighner Lloyd. Mrs. Lee was a 1949 graduate of Butler High School and a 1954 graduate of Slippery Rock State Teacher's College. She also attended the University of Pittsburgh. She had taught in Butler Township (Meridian), Wilkinsburg, East Washington, and was a substitute teacher for many years for the Washington School District. Mrs. Lee was a member of the Garwood Baptist Church. She served as a pastor's wife in the area for many years, was involved in Child Evangelism Outreach and taught Children's Church in many area churches. She enjoyed giving talks to adult groups and would blend in humor with original spiritual poetry. On June 11, 1955, she married Dr. Allen B. Lee, who survives. Also surviving are two sons, Thomas Allen Lee and his wife Susan of Washington, and Bruce Lloyd Lee of Spring Grove; two grandsons, Daniel Allen Lee and step-grandson Michael Ostland-Lee of Washington. Mrs. Lee is the last of her immediate family. Deceased are a sister, Dorothy Lloyd Thompson and her husband Harold. Friends will be received on Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the JOHN B. GREENLEE FUNERAL HOME, 2830 Main St., Beallsville, where services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 16, 2009, with Pastor Cliff Reynolds officiating. Interment will be in the Rose Hill Cemetery, Butler. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to Child Evangelism Outreach Inc., 1654 Park Avenue, Washington, Pa.,15301-5965, Garwood Baptist Church or Slippery Rock University Alumni Fund. Online register book and personal condolences may be accessed at www.GreenleeFuneralHome.com.

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Miriam R. Reimer

New Eagle Formerly of Binghamton, N.Y.

Miriam R. Reimer, 87, of New Eagle, formerly of Binghamton, New York, died Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009, in her home. She was born on May 17, 1922, in Johnson City, N.Y., a daughter of Alvin and Grace Griffin Perham. Mrs. Riemer was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and a volunteer at Wilson Memorial Hospital, both of Johnson City, N.Y. In 1984, she retired from the General Electric Company in Johnson City, where she was employed in the finance department. After retirement, she became an avid traveler and her journeys took her all over the world. She is survived by her daughter Carol and husband John Pollock of Monongahela; two sons, Alvin K. Reimer of Livermore, Calif., and Justin R. and wife Stephanie Reimer of Medford, Ore.; 11 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. Visitations and funeral services will be held at the Hopler and Eschbach Funeral Home, 483 Chenango St. Binghamton, New York, 13901. Interment will be in Vestal Hills Memorial Park, Vestal, New York. Memorial contributions may be made to Unity, A Journey of Hope, 239 Town Country Road, Vanderbilt, Pa.,15486. The FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC. of Monongahela, and the Hopler and Eschbach Funeral Home of Binghamton, N.Y. are in charge of the arrangements. To leave an online condolence, visit www.fryefuneralhome.com.

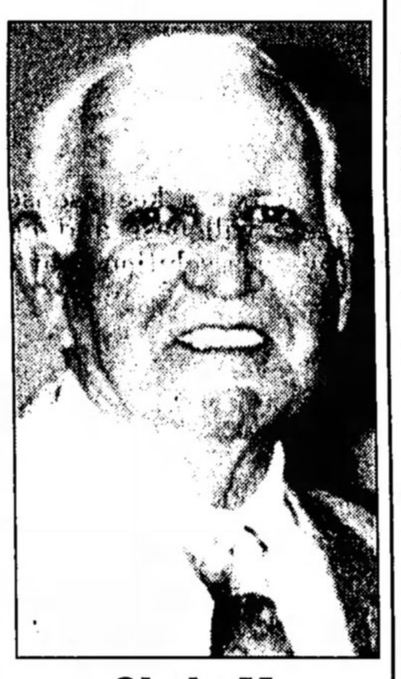
Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Richard L. Sabatini

Fallowfield Twp.

Richard L. Sabatini, 74, of Fallowfield Township, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009. Friends will be received Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY, INC., 700 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon (724-929-5300), www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com. A complete obituary and funeral arrangements will be announced Thursday.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.



Clyde M. Watson Jr.

Washington Formerly of Bentleyville

Clyde M. Watson, Jr., 88, of Washington, formerly of Bentleyville, died Monday, Oct. 12, 2009, in The Washington Hospital, following a brief illness. He was born Aug.16, 1921, in Washington, a son of the late Clyde M., Sr. and Garnet Henry Watson. Clyde was a graduate of Washington High School and the University of Kentucky. He was co-founder and former president of the Bentleyville Telephone Company. Mr. Watson was a member of Beallsville Lodge No. 237 F.& A.M., Syria Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. and was past president of Washington-Greene Caravan No. 2. He was also a member of Edwin Scott Linton Post 175 of the American Legion. Clyde served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, stationed in Alaska. Surviving are a son, Richard L. (Joyce) Watson of Washington; and three stepsons, Kevin Underwood of Bethel Park, Shawn Underwood of New Hampshire and David Underwood of Arizona; a daughter, Joy (Robert) Lauric of Butler and a stepdaughter, Mary Beth Sallinger of Penn Hills; three grandchildren, Douglas E., Mark A. and Richard M. Watson; three step-grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Deceased are his wife, Mary Jane Underwood Watson; two brothers, Robert F. and Richard H. Watson and a sister, Elizabeth Carlisle. Friends will be received Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. in the PIATT & BARNHILL FUNERAL HOME, 420 Locust Ave., Washington, where services will be conducted Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009, at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. Schott officiating. Interment will follow in Washington Cemetery. Military honors will be afforded by Edwin Scott Linton Post 175 of the American Legion. Condolences may be expressed online at www.piattandbarnhillfh.com. Piatt & Barnhill Funeral Directors, Charles R. Piatt, owner/supervisor and Lawrence K. Donovan, Funeral Director.

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Shirley Ann Welsh

Donora

Shirley Ann Welsh, 79, of Donora, passed away on Friday, Oct. 9, 2009. It was stated incorrectly in yesterday's paper that her date of date was Oct. 8, 2009.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Mystery writer Kaminsky dead at 70

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Prolific mystery writer Stuart Kaminsky, whose 70 books included one the Mystery Writers of America deemed the best mystery novel of 1989, has died at a hospital in St. Louis. He was 75.

Kaminsky had suffered from hepatitis C and moved to St. Louis earlier this year awaiting a liver transplant. But a stroke shortly after the move made him ineligible for the transplant, *The St. Louis Post-Dispatch* reported Tuesday.

Both the Mystery Writers of America and Barnes-Jewish Hospital confirmed his death Friday.

His son, Peter Kaminsky, told the newspaper that the author grew up reading Dashiell Hammett and Raymond Chandler and began writing himself while still a boy.

He published his first novel, "Bullet for a Star," in 1977.

The Mystery Writers of America honored one of his works, "A Cold Red Sunrise," as the best mystery novel of 1989.

His nonfiction books included "Clint Eastwood," "John Huston," and "Coop: The Life and Legend of Gary Cooper."

The native Chicagoan also taught film and film history at Northwestern University and Florida State University.

'Godfather' singer Martino, 82, dies

Al Martino

SPRINGFIELD, Pa. — Singer Al Martino, who played the Frank Sinatra-type role of Johnny Fontane in "The Godfather" and recorded hits including "Spanish Eyes" and the Italian ballad "Volare" in a 50-year musical career, died Tuesday. He was 82.

Martino died at his childhood home in the Philadelphia suburb of Springfield, in Delaware County, according to publicist Sandy Friedman, of the Rogers & Cowan public relations firm.

Friedman didn't cite a cause of death.

Starting in 1952, Martino was known for hit songs including "Here in My Heart" and "Can't Help Falling in Love."

Besides acting in the Marlon Brando classic "The Godfather," Martino sang the 1972 film's title score, "The Love Theme From The Godfather." His Fontane character is a singer and occasional actor and is the godson of Brando's Mafia boss character, Don Vito Corleone.

The Italian-American crooner, born Alfred Cini, was one of a number of South Philadelphia-born singers, including Bobby Rydell, Frankie Avalon, Fabian and Chubby Checker.

He also was a longtime resident of Beverly Hills, Calif.

Philadelphia radio and television personality Jerry Blavat dined with Martino and his wife on Monday night.

Blavat told the *Philadelphia Daily News* that Martino appeared to be in fine shape and that he was shocked when he learned of the singer's death.

"He was the last of the show business legends," said Blavat, who has played Martino's songs on the radio for years. "There's nobody else. The last of the performers. A magnificent voice."

VALLEY POLICE LOG

Fallowfield Township

■ Police are reminding residents to keep their vehicles locked as they are investigating a series of thefts from three vehicles that occurred late Friday and early Saturday morning in the area of Ernest Avenue.

Coins and a GPS unit were reported stolen. Anyone who sees any suspicious person or activity is asked to call police at (724) 483-4545.

■ Someone smashed several mail boxes in the area of the 1000 block of Fourth Street extension over the weekend.

■ Police are investigating a report of suspicious people attempting to sell carpet cleaners to residents.

A resident on Wilson Road and on Fourth Street Extension reported seeing a white van with several men attempting to sell carpet cleaning products and trying to gain entry into a house.

Police said there are no applications for soliciting sales door-to-door on file at the township office.

N. Belle Vernon

■ There will be no parking on Vernon and Ella streets beginning at 7 a.m. Thursday as a paving project will begin. Any vehicle on those streets after 7 a.m. will be towed at the owner's expense, police said.

Southwest Regional

■ Ronald Cinkan Sr., 48, of 62 Rear Johnston St., Belle Vernon, was charged with aggravated assault, simple assault and harassment after he allegedly assaulted a juvenile at the residence with a sword during a domestic dispute at 4:13 p.m. Tuesday.

Cinkan was arraigned and released on $5,000 unsecured bond.

The juvenile was cited for harassment, police said.

■ A Belle Vernon man allegedly fired shots along railroad tracks behind the PFX building around 10 p.m. Monday.

The suspect was taken to Monongahela Valley Hospital for an evaluation.

Police said charges will be filed.

■ Carl Franklin Miller Jr., 47, of 542 Highland Ave., North Charleroi, was traveling on the 100 block of Main Street at 12:40 this morning while his 1993 Ford Econoline van was on fire.

Belle Vernon firefighter Joel Davis was able to get Miller's attention in the area of Main Street and the I-70 ramps, where the he stopped the van at the underpass.

Police said Miller was taken to Mon Valley Hospital for treatment of inuries suffered in the fire.

Police said the incident remains under investigation.

Ex-officers tied to Murtha jailbound

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — A federal judge sentenced two former Air Force colonels to prison on Tuesday for destroying documents, lying to a grand jury and other crimes related to a wider fraud scheme by contractors and defense lobbyists with ties to U.S. Rep. John Murtha, of Johnstown.

The men, both engineers graduates of the U.S. Air Force Academy, are among those accused by federal prosecutors who are looking into alleged wrongdoing by contractors with ties to Murtha, chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense.

Murtha, a Democrat whose disrict includes much of the Mid-Mon Valley, has not been accused of criminal wrongdoing.

U.S. District Judge Lacey Collier sentenced Richard Schaller to 18 months in prison and five years probation. Schaller was convicted of helping Mark O'Hair, a supervisor at the research lab at Eglin Air Force Base, steer contracts to Schaller's defense contracting company.

O'Hair previously pleaded guilty to federal charges of false statements and conflict of interest. Collier sentenced O'Hair to six months in prison and three years probation — the strongest sentence he could give under the sentencing guidelines.

Also involved in the Eglin case is Richard Ianieri, the former chief executive for a defense contractor.

Ianieri set up a company in Murtha's congressional district and worked closely with another defense contractor there - William Kuchera, whose company received tens of millions of dollars in congressional appropriations that were directed to the firm by Murtha.

Ianieri hired a lobbying firm that at the time employed Murtha's brother. After hiring the firm, Ianieri's company, Coherent Systems International Corp., received a congressional appropriation of more than $8 million.

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NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 14, the 287th day of 2009. There are 78 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Oct. 14, 1939, during World War II, a German U-boat torpedoed and sank the HMS Royal Oak, a British battleship anchored at Scapa Flow in Scotland's Orkney Islands; 833 of the more than 1,200 men aboard were killed.

On this date:

■ In 1066, Normans under William the Conqueror defeated the English at the Battle of Hastings.

■ In 1890, Dwight D. Eisenhower, 34th president of the United States, was born in Denison, Texas.

■ In 1912, Theodore Roosevelt, campaigning for the presidency, was shot in the chest in Milwaukee. Despite the wound, he went ahead with a scheduled speech.

■ In 1933, Nazi Germany announced it was withdrawing from the League of Nations.

■ In 1944, German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel committed suicide rather than face execution for allegedly conspiring against Adolf Hitler.

■ In 1947, Air Force test pilot Charles E. ("Chuck") Yeager broke the sound barrier as he flew the experimental Bell XS-1 (later X-1) rocket plane over Muroc Dry Lake in California.

■ In 1959, actor Errol Flynn died in Vancouver, British Columbia, at age 50.

■ In 1960, the idea of a Peace Corps was first suggested by Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy to an audience of students at the University of Michigan.

■ In 1968, the first successful live telecast from a manned U.S. spacecraft was transmitted from Apollo 7.

■ In 1987, a 58-hour drama began in Midland, Texas, as 18-month-old Jessica McClure slid 22 feet down an abandoned well at a private day care center; she was rescued on Oct. 16.

■ **Ten years ago**: President Bill Clinton accused Senate Republicans of recklessness and irresponsibility for defeating the nuclear test ban treaty, and pledged the United States would refrain from testing despite the treaty's rejection.

■ **Five years ago**: The Treasury Department announced that the federal deficit had surged to a record $413 billion in fiscal 2004.

■ **One year ago**: Big banks started falling in line behind a revised bailout plan that was fast becoming more of a buy-in; the Bush administration announced it would fork over as much as $250 billion in exchange for partial ownership.

Associated Press

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., left, shakes hands with committee member Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, as Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, looks on at center, after a committee vote regarding the health care reform bill Tuesday in Washington. With support from a lone Republican, Snowe, a key Senate committee approved a middle-of-the-road health care plan that moves President Barack Obama's goal of wider and affordable coverage a giant step closer to becoming law.

Health care overhaul plan back behind closed doors

Task is to merge two very different bills into a new version that can get the 60 votes needed to guarantee passage.

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Health care talks slip back behind closed doors today as Senate leaders start trying to merge two very different bills into a new version that can get the 60 votes needed to guarantee its passage.

All eyes are on Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, who has said he wants to complete the wedding quickly and get historic health care overhaul legislation onto the floor the week after next.

Both bills were written by Democrats, but that's not going to make it easier for Reid. They share a common goal, which is to provide all Americans with access to affordable health insurance, but they differ on how to accomplish it.

The Finance Committee bill that was approved Tuesday has no government-sponsored insurance plan and no requirement on employers that they must offer coverage. It relies instead on a requirement that all Americans obtain insurance.

The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee bill, passed earlier by a panel in which liberals predominate, calls for both a government plan to compete with private insurers and a mandate that employers help cover their workers. Those are only two of dozens of differences.

President Barack Obama acknowledges it's not going to be easy. Speaking Tuesday in the Rose Garden, Obama called the 14-9 Finance Committee vote "a critical milestone" toward getting a health care overhaul this year. The legislation won its first Republican support when Sen. Olympia Snowe, of Maine, broke ranks with her party, saying she was answering the call of history.

Obama wasn't ready to bask in the bipartisan glow.

"Now is not the time to pat ourselves on the back," he said. "Now is the time to dig in and work even harder."

There was no victory lap either for Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus of Montana. "The bottom line here is we need a final bill, a merged bill, that gets 60 votes," he said. "Our goal is to pass health care reform, not just talk about it."

Aides say Reid has a keen sense of what the Senate will pass and he is focused on finding a solution that can get the 60 votes needed to overcome a Republican filibuster.

In general, bills moving toward floor votes in both houses would require most Americans to purchase insurance, provide federal subsidies to help those of lower incomes afford coverage and give small businesses help in defraying the cost of coverage for their workers.

The measures would bar insurance companies from denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions and for the first time limit their ability to charge higher premiums on the basis of age or family size. Expanded coverage would be paid for by cutting hundreds of billions of dollars from future Medicare payments to health care providers.

Apart from Snowe, Finance Committee Republicans cited higher taxes and other concerns as they lined up to oppose the bill.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

McChrystal seeks 80,000 troops

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top military commander in Afghanistan is asking for up to 80,000 more American troops even as he warns that rampant government corruption there may prevent victory against the Taliban and al-Qaida, according to U.S. officials briefed on his conclusions.

A still-secret document by Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal that requests more troops is expected to be among the topics discussed today when President Barack Obama meets with his national security team to hash out a strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Even with additional troops, McChrystal concluded that corruption still could let terrorists turn Afghanistan back into a haven, according to officials at the Pentagon and White House.

His request outlines three options for additional troops — from as many as 80,000 to as few as 10,000 — but favors a compromise of 40,000 more forces, the officials said.

Each option carries a high risk of failing, according to U.S. officials, although they said McChrystal concluded that fewer troops will bring the highest risks.

AIG bonus plans under review

WASHINGTON (AP) — The pitched drama over bonuses for bailed-out executives was scheduled to be revived on Capitol Hill today as a government watchdog explains how some executives nearly brought down the financial system — then pocketed millions.

Neil Barofsky, the special inspector general for the $700 billion financial rescue program, will answer questions about a new report outlining the official missteps that led to massive bonus payments for executives at insurer American International Group Inc.

In a report released Tuesday, Barofsky wrote that the Treasury Department did not understand AIG's byzantine pay structures when it gave the firm billions in aid last fall. The government has committed a total of more than $180 billion to wind down the New York-based insurance and financial services conglomerate, and now owns about 80 percent of the company.

AIG's bonuses sparked a political firestorm earlier this year when it was revealed that the government could not legally stop AIG from paying millions in bonuses even after taking billions in bailout money.

Clinton ending overseas tour

MOSCOW (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is wrapping up a five-day tour of Europe and Russia today with a series of informal meetings in Moscow and the Russian Republic of Tatarstan aimed at helping redefine relations between the U.S. and Russia.

Clinton today was to attend the unveiling of a statue of the American poet Walt Whitman at the University of Moscow.

After that ceremony, she was scheduled to paryicipate in a round-table discussion with students.

Later, she was to travel to Kazan, the capital of religiously and ethnically diverse Tatarstan, located east of Moscow.

She will be the first secretary of state ever to visit Kazan, which bills itself as Russia's third capital, and Tatarstan, a moderate Muslim-majority republic that is often hailed as a model of multicultural tolerance.

Clinton was scheduled to return to Washington later today.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

HARRISBURG (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $225,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Tuesday's game.

Lottery officials said 64 players matched four numbers and won $244 each; 2,714 players matched three numbers and won $9.50 each; and 31,864 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The winning numbers in Tuesday evening's drawing of the Pennsylvania Lottery's "Cash 5" game were: 02-03-10-21-37

A NEW PROGRAM OFFERED

LIVING WELL *Through the Seasons*

Friday, October 23
6 p.m.
Monongahela Valley Hospital
Anthony M. Lombardi
Education Conference Center

Wednesday, October 28
1 p.m.
Mon-Vale HealthPLEX
WillowPointe Plaza
Rostraver

Living Well Through The Seasons takes a multidisciplinary approach to nutrition and fitness.

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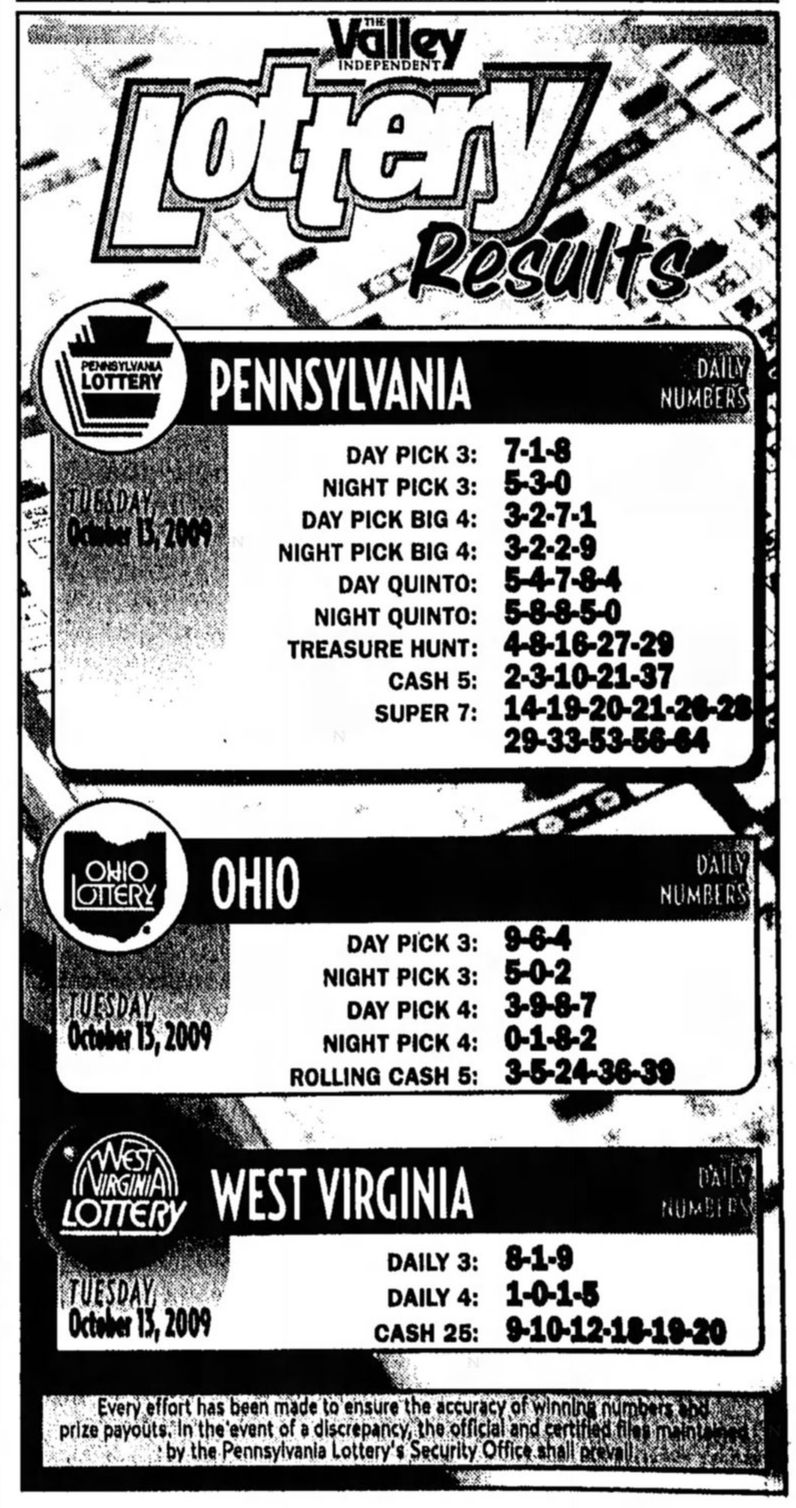
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NIGHT PICK 3: 5-3-0
DAY PICK BIG 4: 3-2-7-1
NIGHT PICK BIG 4: 3-2-2-9
DAY QUINTO: 5-4-7-8-4
NIGHT QUINTO: 5-8-8-5-0
TREASURE HUNT: 4-8-16-27-29
CASH 5: 2-3-10-21-37
SUPER 7: 14-19-20-21-26-28 29-33-53-56-64
OHIO
DAILY NUMBERS
TUESDAY October 13, 2009
DAY PICK 3: 9-6-4
NIGHT PICK 3: 5-0-2
DAY PICK 4: 3-9-8-7
NIGHT PICK 4: 0-1-8-2
ROLLING CASH 5: 3-5-24-36-39
WEST VIRGINIA
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OUR OPINION

Changes aren't helping economy

THERE IS NO SHAME in changing course to correct the nation's job losses. Yet President Obama and congressional Democrats have used the latest sobering jobs figures to advance government "solutions" and extend the public's dependency on them.

The economy has lost nearly 3.5 million jobs since Mr. Obama took office. And 750,000 additional jobs could vanish over the next six months, analysts say.

So much for Mr. Obama's vow of measuring his presidency by "accountability" and "results." Witness his $787 billion stimulus, which was supposed to hold unemployment to 8 percent.

Instead Obama has used the nation's job losses to pitch government health care. He blames, incorrectly, the cost of care for crippling the nation's employment. Congress, in turn, is employing all manner of government interventions.

But the longer government tinkers and spends, the longer it's going to take the U.S. to pull itself out of its own economic mire.

Spending restraints, tax cuts and less regulation drove the Reagan recovery and put Americans back to work. The same steps will work today.

So why does Barack Obama, the commander in chief of change, stubbornly resist it when his own "changes" obviously aren't working?

Do you agree? Do you disagree? The Valley Independent wants to hear from you. E-mail us at valleyletters@tribweb. com or write a letter to the editor. Include your phone number to allow for verification. Please limit letters to 350 words. We reserve the right to edit.

ANOTHER VIEW

The Los Angeles Times, on advertising and the blogosphere:

The Federal Trade Commission has updated its guidelines for advertisers, making clear that the 95-year-old federal law against deceptive and unfair practices also applies to the brave new world of blogs and social networks.

The commission would be right to treat the Internet the same as any other communications medium -- there should be no safe harbor for false claims about weight-loss products or multilevel marketing schemes. ...

The new guidelines focus on endorsements and testimonials by celebrities and consumers. The changes, which take effect Dec. 1, include a welcome effort to close a loophole that allowed grossly misleading claims as long as they were accompanied by the fine-print disclaimer, "Results not typical." ...

The Web and social networking tools such as Facebook and Twitter have elevated individuals' influence and transformed word-of-mouth into a global force. ...

There's also a practical problem. E-commerce sites and social networks are generating an overwhelming amount of information about products and services, only some of which is genuine. Yet the best thing about the Internet is that the masses do a remarkable job of calling out fakery and unethical behavior. ... As it tries to crack down on deceptive practices online, the FTC should take care not to cut off that flow of information.

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Obama deserves Nobel

Rich **LOWRY**

President Barack Obama deserved the Nobel Peace Prize. That's an indictment, not a compliment. Rather than living up to the honor, it should be Obama's mission to show he's thoroughly unworthy of it.

The Nobel Peace Prize comes in three flavors. It is sometimes awarded to statesmen for accomplishments. Think Theodore Roosevelt brokering peace between Russia and Japan after their 1905 war, or Woodrow Wilson personally negotiating the Treaty of Versailles. It is awarded to human-rights activists resisting repressive regimes. Dissidents Shirin Ebadi (Iran) and Aung San Suu Kyi (Burma) exemplify this standard. Lastly, it is given to "citizens of the world" who seek to throttle American power.

Even Obama's supporters concede he doesn't belong in the first category of diplomatic giants (yet). And even by the self-pitying standards of Michelle Obama, Barack Obama isn't a victim of persecution. That leaves the third category, putting him in league with such highly politicized recent recipients of the prize as Kofi Annan, Jimmy Carter and Mohamed ElBaradei. He should recoil from this woeful company.

Annan won jointly with the U.N. in 2001. The organization was reeling from episodes of deadly fecklessness in Bosnia and Rwanda, where it established a peace of the grave for Bosnia's Muslims and for hundreds of thousands of Tutsis. But so what? The prize had a transparently political point: to bolster the U.N. so President George W. Bush would feel constrained by it when responding to the Sept. 11 attacks.

Carter? Yes, he has the Camp David Accords and decades of good works. But when he won in 2002, his main appeal was as a scourge of Bush the warmonger. ElBaradei and his International Atomic Energy Agency jointly won the prize in 2005 on similar grounds. ElBaradei had opposed the Iraq War and made it his mission to forestall military action against Iran's nuclear program.

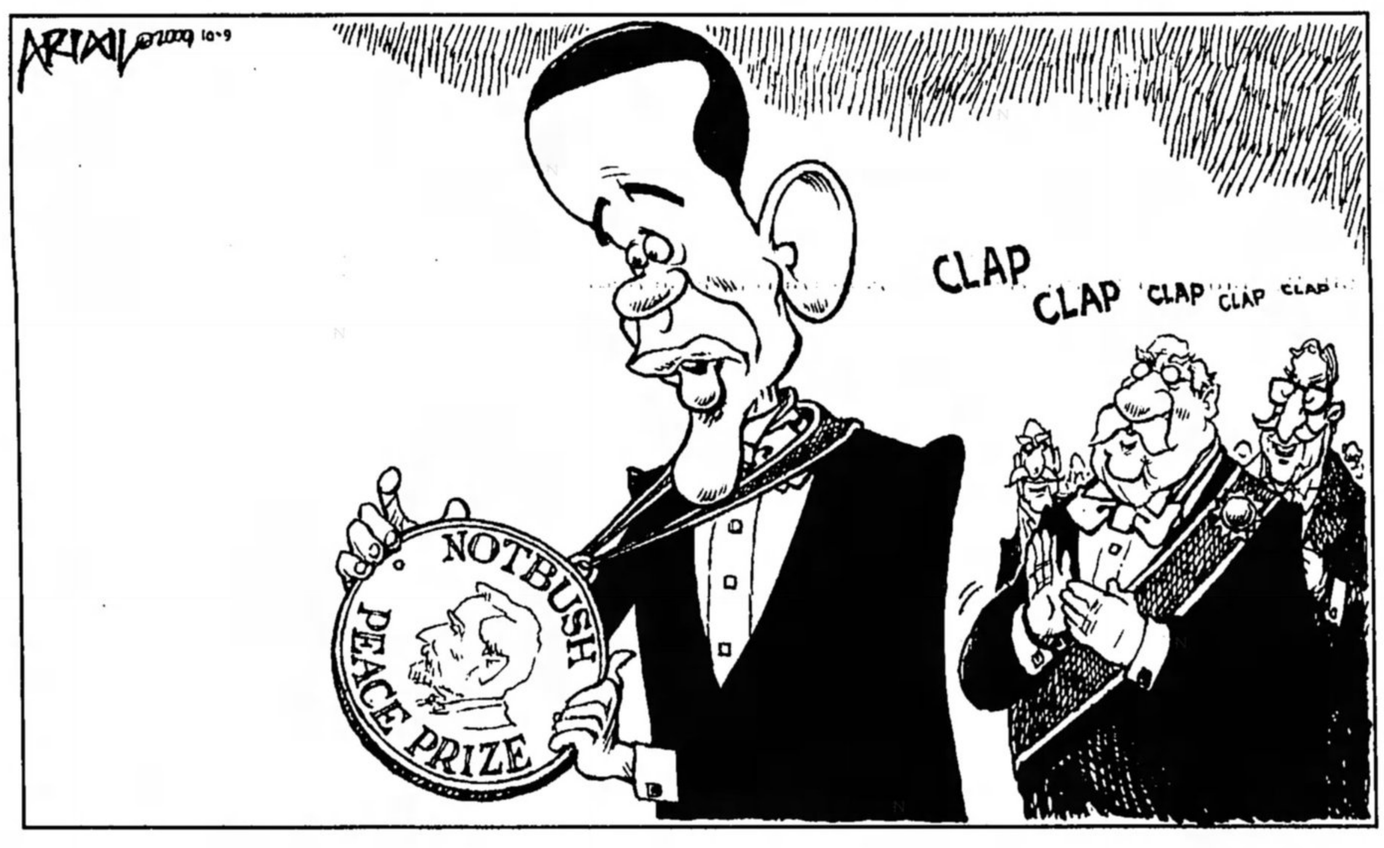
Commentators have noted the "aspirational" nature of Obama's prize. What, at bottom, is the aspiration? The same as with the Annan, Carter and ElBaradei prizes: to tame America, to encourage it to accommodate its enemies, to make it a "normal" nation occupying a humble place in the multilateral tapestry of the world.

For the five Norwegian parliamentarians who make up the Nobel Committee, Obama is a godsend. They look at him and see a version of themselves — a self-consciously sophisticated internationalist appalled by America for much of this decade and committed to constraining its power in a net of international organizations. Except Obama happens to be the president of the United States. This is a near miracle, and one the committee couldn't ignore.

Given this context, Obama should be insulted, not "humbled," by the prize. He has managed to convince the Nobel Committee that he shares its post-American view of the world. The apologies for his country, the embrace of the U.N., the ridiculous talk of global disarmament, the distance from Israel and kid gloves for Iran, the slaps at American hegemony — all are the stuff of shame-faced American weakness and retrenchment, uttered by the most powerful American on the planet.

If the Nobel Committee is right about Obama, he will force Israel into an unsustainable peace, or throw it overboard; he will reach an accommodation with a nuclear Iran; he will let Afghanistan slide back into chaos (perhaps with the cover of a notional deal with the Taliban); and he will give China and Russia a veto over all significant American international actions in the U.N. Security Council. On the domestic front, he will bring a European-style welfare state to U.S. shores, and watch as the dominance of the dollar fades, another artifact of an era of post-World War II American pre-eminence that he implicitly declares over.

This is the promise the Nobel Committee sees in Obama, and why — if he is to succeed as an American president as opposed to a crowd-pleasing citizen of the world — he must prove it wrong.



Sharia trumps free speech

Diana **WEST**

Last week's column was about something that doesn't exist — a multi-level strategy to combat the advance of sharia (Islamic law) across the West. The strategy doesn't exist because there's little understanding that the entrenchment of sharia in the Western zone poses a threat to liberty in the Western zone.

This understanding doesn't exist because the critique of sharia (a legal system best described as sacralized totalitarianism) required to devise a defensive anti-sharia strategy, is not considered possible.

Why not? The main obstacle is, well, the advance of sharia across the West. In other words, we cannot criticize the spread of sharia simply because sharia, or its influence, has spread. Thus, from Norway to New Haven, from BBC to Fox News, the reflex reaction to critical commentary — even a newspaper page of political cartoons — is to follow Islamic law and stop it (or try), or just shut up.

That's certainly what Yale University has done, as events beginning in August demonstrate. That's when news broke that Yale and Yale University Press were omitting the Danish Mohammed cartoons (and other Mohammed imagery) from a forthcoming book expressly about the Danish Mohammed cartoons. This sudden act of censorship, Yale said, was due to fear of Muslim outrage over the Mohammed cartoons again turning into Muslim violence. (Roger Kimball, Stanley Kramer and I have laid out evidence that Yale's censorship was also due to fear of alienating Muslim donors.) This violence, along with general Muslim outrage, has its roots in Islamic legal prohibitions of life imagery, criticism of Mohammed and sarcasm about Islamic law — all outlawed by the standard Al Ahzar University-approved sharia manual, Reliance of the Traveller, and all tools for the political cartoonist moved to comment on the connection between Mohammed and jihad violence. And why not? Indeed, Sheikh Yusuf al-Qaradawi, arguably the most influential Islamic cleric in the world, calls Mohammed "an epitome for religious warriors."

The publication of the Danish cartoons forced the question: What is more important to the West — freedom of speech, or Islamic law masquerading as something Orwellianly known as community harmony?

With its censorship of the Mohammed imagery, Yale chose sharia. But that wasn't all. Wearing my hat as vice president of the International Free Press Society (IFPS), I asked Yale's Steven Smith, master of Branford College, one of Yale's 12 residential colleges, if he would be interested in hosting Kurt Westergaard, the most famous of the Danish cartoonists, at a "master's tea" for students. The IFPS was then finalizing Westergaard's U.S. tour long-planned to coincide with the fourth anniversary of the publication of the cartoons on Sept. 30.

Smith agreed and held the event on Oct. 1. And Yale, it seems, will never be the same.

Of course, Yale was already "never the same," something the Westergaard visit further confirmed. If the Western reaction to the Danish Mohammed cartoons exposed the humiliating bargain the West had already made with Islam, trading away freedom of the press in exchange for "community harmony," the Yale reaction to Westergaard's visit following its censorship of the Mohammed cartoons exposed the rotten fruit at the core of American academia: namely, the politically correct drive to censor material "offensive" to multiculturalism mated to the sharia-correct drive to censor material "offensive" to Islam.

Even now, institutional consternation at Yale over Westergaard continues. In the pages of the Yale Daily News, ire is directed at Westergaard's Yale host, Steven Smith, simply for having issued the invitation, as attested by letters from University Chaplain Sharon Kugler and "coordinator of Muslim Life for the University" Omer Bajwa, and even Smith's fellow Yale masters, Davenport College's Richard Schottenfeld and Tanina Rostain.

At a panel this week sponsored by the Chaplain's Office and the Yale Muslim Student Association, several Yale professors discussed "what made the cartoons offensive ... and how the West's response heightened tension." (Given the West's near-universal capitulation, I'd like to have heard that last bit.)

NEWS

Smithton offers police services to 3 neighboring towns

Proposal involves extending police protection to Youngwood, New Stanton and Hunker.

By MARY PICKELS
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Several dozen residents from Youngwood, New Stanton and Hunker heard a presentation Tuesday from Smithton police Chief Glenn Kopp about the possibility of the department providing the communities with part-time law enforcement.

Kopp said the Smithton force, which includes one full-time and seven part-time officers, formed several years ago out of concerns for issues including speeding and curfew violations.

Since then, Kopp said, the force has made drug arrests, stopped drivers who were operating under the influence and investigated break-ins.

"They (residents) are more aware of what goes on in their town," Kopp said.

With a regional police force, he said, each community pays into it based on their needs.

"It's kind of like a subcontract," Kopp said.

Leaders in the three towns met in August with Southwest Regional Police, which operates in six boroughs in Fayette and Washington counties.

All three of the Westmoreland boroughs near Interstate 70 receive police protection from the state police barracks at Greensburg.

"State police can't enforce a borough ordinance," Kopp said. "We can."

Regionalization has become a hot button in some communities following proposals from Rep. Mike Sturla, D-Lancaster, and Rep. John Pallone, D-New Kensington, to charge boroughs and townships that depend on state police.

Some costs for local participation could be handled through grants, Kopp said, particularly for equipment.

"One of the requirements of being a policeman in Smithton is that you have to be willing to apply for grants," said Patrolman Greg Birkland.

One woman asked about the potential of a police department to unionize, leading to rising costs.

"Council sets the wage," Kopp said. "We are not union."

"We have been talking about doing this as a group, between the three municipalities," said New Stanton Borough Council President Scott Sistek.

"Is it going to be feasible? Is it going to be beneficial?" he asked. "That is why we are having these meetings. I have heard people say, 'Bite the bullet, get your own police department.' ... This is a more cost-effective alternative."

Asked by one resident what he considered some of the major problems in New Stanton, Sistek said speeding and drug-dealing.

"Let's face it," he said, referring to drug-dealing. "It's a good point of stopping out in the middle of nowhere and making your connection."

Some residents debated state police coverage, calling response everything from on-the-spot to hours-long.

Kopp said he could not guarantee Smithton could respond any faster.

Youngwood last had a police department in 1984, when it furloughed three full-time and five part-time officers amid a financial crisis.

Foreign snake species seen as threat to U.S.

Report says snakes already posing a danger to Florida's ecosystem could slither their way north.

By TAMARA LUSH
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — Watch out, animals of South Florida: It's a wild world out there. There are five species of foreign snakes just waiting to eat you.

More troublingly, according to a U.S. Geological Survey report released Tuesday, nonnative snakes like the Burmese python could slither their way north from the warm, humid conditions of South Florida.

The big snakes threaten native species and ecosystems because they mature and reproduce quickly, travel long distances and can eat almost anything in fur, feathers or scales, experts say.

The 302-page report could be a step toward a ban on importing constrictor-like snakes into the U.S., said Ken Warren, spokesman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's South Florida office. The FWC will now evaluate the report and seek public comment before recommending such a ban.

"In many aspects, the report confirms what we already knew: that these snakes are a problem and that they do pose some risk," Warren said.

The report analyzed nine kinds of snakes. Five — Burmese pythons, northern and southern African pythons, boa constrictors and yellow anacondas — are of "high risk" to the ecosystems of the U.S., especially in Florida.

Four others — the reticulated python, Deschauensee's anaconda, green anaconda and Beni anaconda — are considered medium risk to ecosystems.

Scientists are already studying where Burmese pythons can survive in the U.S. Seven are being studied in a natural enclosure in South Carolina to see if the tropical natives can live through colder winters.

The number of invasive pythons in South Florida and throughout Everglades National Park has exploded in the past decade to potentially tens of thousands, though wildlife officials aren't sure exactly how many are out there.

Scientists believe pet owners have freed their snakes into the wild once they became too big to keep. They also think some Burmese pythons may have escaped in 1992 from pet shops battered by Hurricane Andrew and have been reproducing ever since.

Dr. Robert Reed, a research biologist with the U.S. geological survey, said everything from small wood storks, alligators and bobcats have been found in the stomachs of dead pythons.

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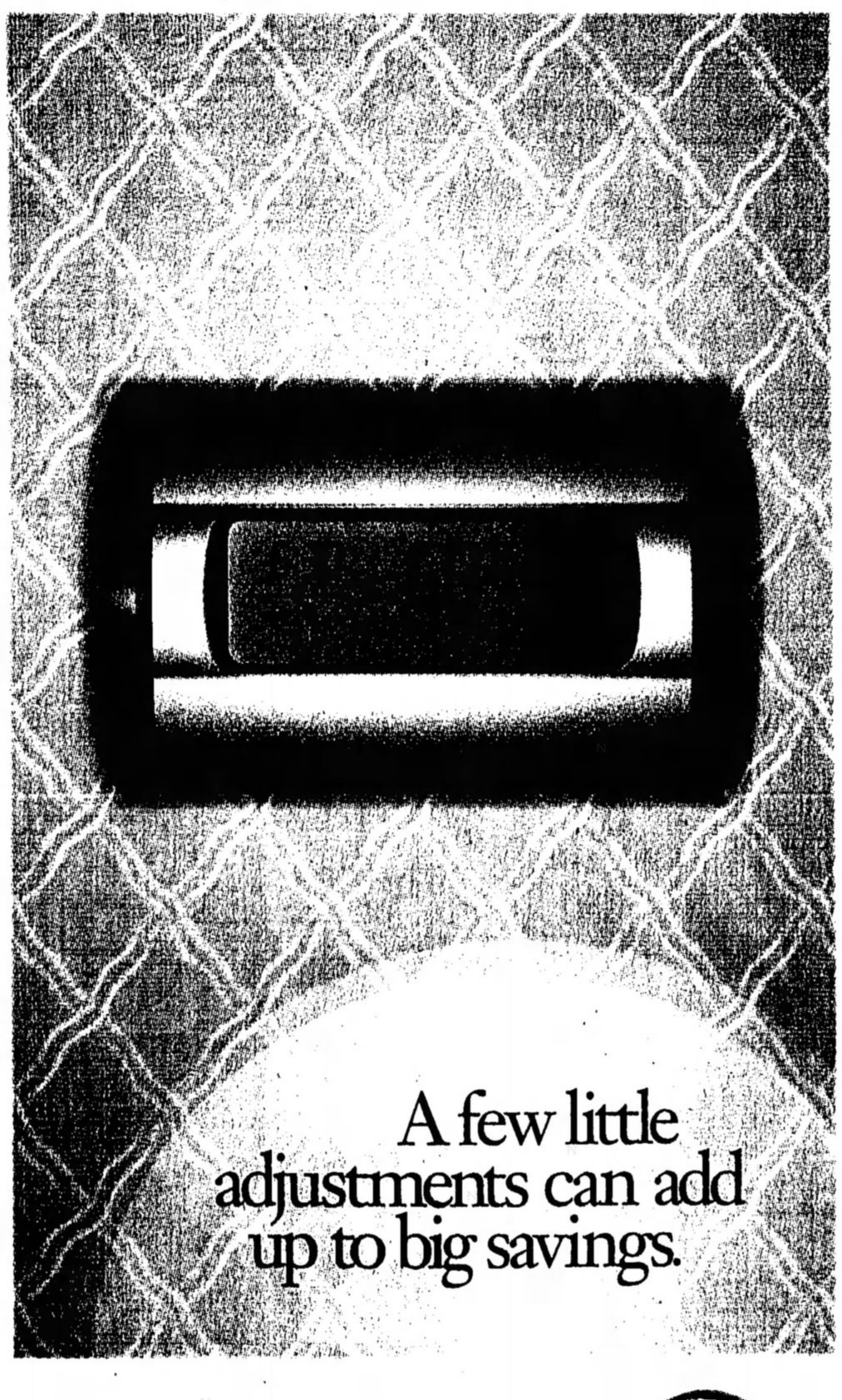

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NEWS

The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Jr. Branch 157 participated in a bake sale at Epiphany Church Festival. The children, their mothers and grandmothers baked the goods and sold them at the festival. The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association home office matched money up to $500. Presenting the $500 matching fund check in front of the statues of Saints Cyril and Methodius are, from left, Dorothy Urbanowicz, branch president; Ruth Bielawski, branch financial secretary; the Rev. David Nazimek, pastor; and Alice Bialon, branch recording secretary. Cyril and Methodius are the Slovaks' patron saints.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Charleroi Goldenagers

Eighty-two members of the Charleroi Goldenagers met noon Oct. 2 in the Charleroi fireman's social hall.

President Sam Marraccini offered a welcome and led morning exercises, the flag pledge and a rendition of "America."

Before lunch, Libby Romito led a rendition of "Let There be Peace on Earth" and offered a silent prayer for deceased members, followed by the invocation.

Marraccini discussed the Nov. 11 Ten Tenors Christmas show trip and the Dec. 2 Lee Greenwood show trip. For information, call Sam or Ruth at (724) 489-9486.

Sam Marraccini discussed the Christmas party, which will be noon Dec. 4 at Paolo's Restaurant. Binding reservations and payments will be accepted at the November meeting.

Romito recognized the following with October birthdays: Betty Reale, Alberta Baciak, Ed Nandor, Romito, and Barbara Hall, who won the birthday prize.

The group welcomed new member Emily Gazi.

Marian Hank drew numbers for share the wealth. Val Nandor, Ed Nandor, Barb Raymond and Mary Kay Fredrick won.

Rose Mazzie called the winning numbers for door prizes. Sophia Hubinon, Janice Mahalko, Ann Simala, Julis Henderson, Nick Mahalko, Joe Blanda, Barb Raymond, Helen Zadrozny, Peggy Wojik and Frank Mocilan prevailed.

Rose McManus said the Christian Mothers and Women's Guild from Mary, Mother of the Church, will conduct a card party Nov. 1, in Marian Hall.

The next meeting will be noon Nov. 6.

Mon Valley Nurses Association

President Carolyn Manown opened the Mon Valley Nurses Association October meeting with a prayer and pledge.

The group approved the secretary's and treasurer's reports.

Kathy Martin was introduced as a new member. Membership is open to registered nurses and licensed practical nurses.

The sunshine lady wants to be notified of sick members.

Sue Dunlop said applications for the scholarship will be sent to area high schools in January.

The annual fashion show fundraiser will be April 11.

Memorial Committee Chairwoman Irene Pandrock thanked those who attend services for departed members.

Vickie Davis, in charge of Lifeline at Monongahela Valley Hospital, spoke. She said there are 250 people in 34 communities now on Lifeline. The clients wear either bracelets or necklaces connected to their telephones.

Linda Buck submitted a letter of resignation.

Carolyn Kmetz, Elizabeth Henson, Teresa Papak, Janet Ratchford and Virginia Saunders received perfect attendance gifts for last year.

Shirley Gottke, Henson and their committee served dessert. Dolores Alekson won the kitty. Pandrock won the door prize.

Christian Mothers, Seven Dolors

The Christian Mothers from Seven Dolors Church met Oct. 6.

Clara Zulian opened the meeting with a reading from Isaiah.

The group agreed to donate money to the Harvest Festival for bingo.

The group decided each member would contribute $5 toward the Thanksgiving basket instead of bringing food to the church to present to the Thanksgiving ticket winner. There will be 500 tickets with two numbers and selling for $2 each. Treasurer Connie Reinstadtler will collect the money.

Everything is in place for the Poultry Bingo and Pie Social, which takes place 2 p.m. Nov. 15 at Rogers Hall. Regular games are chickens and specials are turkeys. Bingo players come early to enjoy coffee and pie. The event will include hot dogs and sauerkraut and a Chinese auction . This bingo has been held for more than 25 years and is still enjoyed by many neighboring parishes.

Kellie Ritz said the Christmas party will be Dec. 13 at Rogers Hall. Each member may bring a guest. In lieu of a grab bag, a collection will be taken for the three local fire companies.

The Rev. Emil S. Payer, spiritual director, commented on the St. Theresa Mass. In keeping with the legend of St. Theresa – that she would shower the earth with roses after her death – roses were blessed and distributed to everyone in attendance.

The following celebrated October birthdays: Clara Zulian, Mary Orlandi, Ruth Erhardt, Margaret Kearney, Connie Reinstadtler, Vi Krance, Helen Shott and Payer.

Following adjournment, the members enjoyed the social playing jackpot bingo.

Mitzie Garino, Louise DiNardo and Kitty Hynek served as hostesses. Hynek made a pumpkin cake for the members.

Clara Zulian, Anna Jane Hoffman and Helen Shott won the three games. No one won the jackpot, which will be carried over to next month. The jackpot will be 60 numbers for $38.50.

The next meeting will be Nov. 3 with Kathy Agamedi and Lorraine Yanosky as hostesses.

Monongahela Mothers Club

The Monongahela Mothers' Club met at the Church of the Nazarene for its 107th celebration.

The following guests attended: Judy Aloglah, Marie Fitch, Jacqueline Fronzaglio, Claudia Kearns, Lila Runkle, Peggy Simoncelli, Rohala Venanzi and Mona Rae Williams.

Zara Pesognelli and Norma Simmen served as greeters. Keyboard artist Jack Giacomel provided song and music.

Marion Matthews offered the blessing for the refreshments.

Margaret Wise and Joan Chambers served as social co-chairs. A cake noting the 107th year of the club was served at tables decorated in a colorful autumn motif.

The club's will next meet Nov. 12. Matthews and Bonnie Kerry will serve on the social committee.

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Clemente Award winner

Andrew McCutchen became only the second Pirates rookie to win the Roberto Clemente Award. **2B**

Valley SPORTS

Rutgers has Pitt's number

Dave Wannstedt hasn't found a way to beat Rutgers since he took over as Pitt head coach. **4B**

Rush to judgment?

Some NFL owners are afraid Rush Limbaugh is too polarizing to buy the St. Louis Rams. **2B**

Sports Trivia

Pittsburgh's Hines Ward is one of only five NFL players who've posted more than 10,000 receiving yards with one team. Name the others. **2B**

Last night's games

Buffalo 6, Detroit 2
Columbus 2, Calgary 1
Colorado 4, Toronto 1

Brian **HERMAN**

Steelers' schedule tougher minus Smith

Thinking out loud:

■ Remember that easy schedule the Pittsburgh Steelers were supposed to have this season?

It doesn't look that soft today following the news yesterday that defensive end Aaron Smith is headed to the sidelines with a torn rotator cuff in his right shoulder and his campaign may be over.

You know what happened when Troy Polamalu got hurt in the opening win over Tennessee. In the first two games without him, the Steelers' defense disappeared in the fourth quarter in Chicago and Cincinnati and the defending Super Bowl champs came home with frustrating three-point defeats to the Bears and Bengals.

Even without Smith up front, the Steelers should have enough to handle the Cleveland Browns, whose offense ranks among the NFL's weakest.

After that, however, may be another story.

The next three games on the Steelers' menu are Minnesota, Denver and Cincinnati.

The Vikings and Broncos are both unbeaten and the Bengals' lone loss was to Denver, 12-7, in the opener when Brandon Stokley caught a tipped pass and raced 87 yards for a touchdown with 11 seconds left.

The second half of the schedule has the Steelers facing Baltimore twice with the regular season finale Jan. 3 in Miami against Joey Porter and company.

Getting back to Smith, the last time he went out with an injury in 2007 the Steelers went 1-3 and gave up almost 28 points a game.

There's definitely a big dropoff when it comes to his three replacements, Travis Kirschke, Nick Eason and No. 1 draft pick Ziggy Hood.

The 35-year-old Kirschke has been plagued by back problems, while Eason was good enough to start only three games in three years in Cleveland after spending his rookie season in Denver on the injured reserve list with an Achilles injury suffered in training camp. He's in his third year with the Steelers.

Hood could be the answer, but coach Mike Tomlin feels the 22-year-old isn't ready yet.

The Steelers' defense has already given up 55 points in the fourth quarter, which is a far cry from a year ago when they allowed 75 the entire season.

■ You have to feel a little sorry for first-year California High football coach Brady Barbero. In the Trojans' 44-26 defeat to Carmichaels Friday, three of Barbero's captains — quarterback D.J. Martinak (ankle), wide receiver Wade Stinnett (shoulder) and running back Mike Evans (concussion) — went out with injuries and are doubtful for Friday's Tri-County South contest at defending champion Beth -Center.

■ And thanks to Joe Stringhill of Lynnwood, who says middle age is when you're not inclined to exercise anything but caution!

Smith's season over?

Steelers aren't sure how long a shoulder injury will sideline him.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh Steelers defensive end Aaron Smith has a right shoulder injury that coach Mike Tomlin said "potentially could be significant."

Smith, injured Sunday in Detroit, was being evaluated Tuesday. The Steelers are not yet certain how long one of their most reliable and productive players will be out, although they apparently are anticipating an extended absence.

Smith's agent, Peter Schaffer, told The Associated Press in an e-mail that he was awaiting a doctor's report.

"Aaron is in great spirits and is looking forward to being healthy and playing this year," Schaffer said. However, he did not say if that meant Smith might not return until the postseason.

Smith has been with the Steelers (3-2) longer than any player except wide receiver Hines Ward and defensive back Deshea Townsend. He is one of the keys to their 3-4 alignment and is often cited by teammates as being the most underrated player on what was the NFL's top defense the last two seasons.

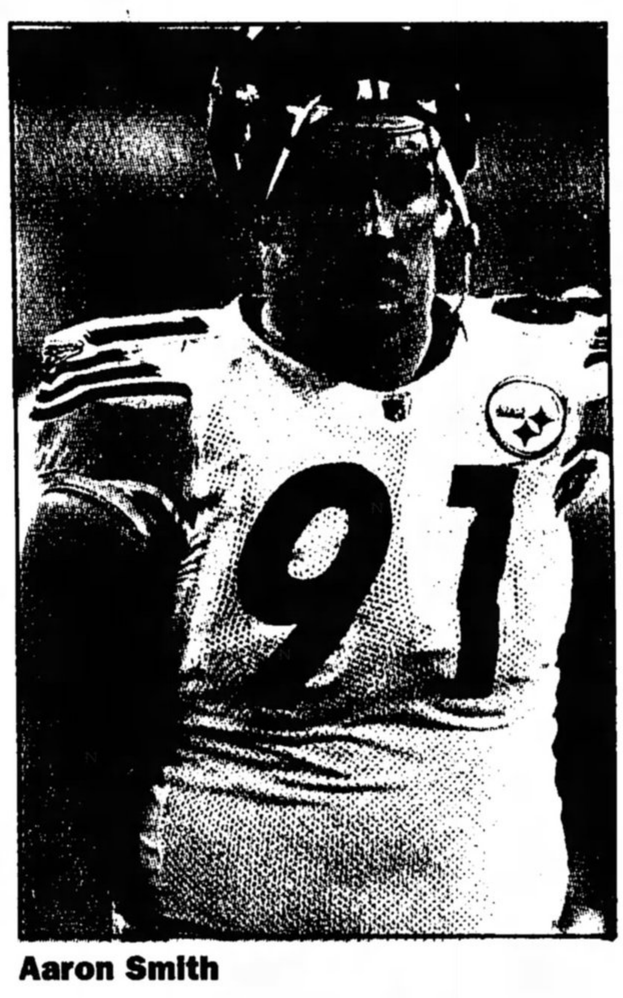
Smith has 13 tackles and two sacks in five games and blocked a field goal attempt during the Steelers' 13-10 victory over Tennessee on Sept. 10. He also is one of the Steelers' primary run stoppers.

Tomlin said first-round draft pick Ziggy Hood is not yet ready to replace Smith, and that Travis Kirschke, Nick Eason and Hood would be used in his place.

"He's got a lot of talent," Tomlin said of Hood, the former Missouri player. "He's not out of the oven yet, if you will. We acknowledge that. He acknowledged that. And as long as we continue to do that, he'll move in the right direction. ... But by no means is Ziggy Hood a potential replacement for Aaron Smith at this point."

The 33-year-old Smith sat out the last four games of the 2007 season because of a torn biceps muscle.

Steelers safety Troy Polamalu, who has missed four games due to a torn left knee ligament, and running back Willie Parker (left big toe) are expected to return Sunday against the Cleveland Browns (1-4). Parker has missed two games.



Aaron Smith

Concussions concern Steelers

UPMC study examines the risks of permanent brain injury or death.

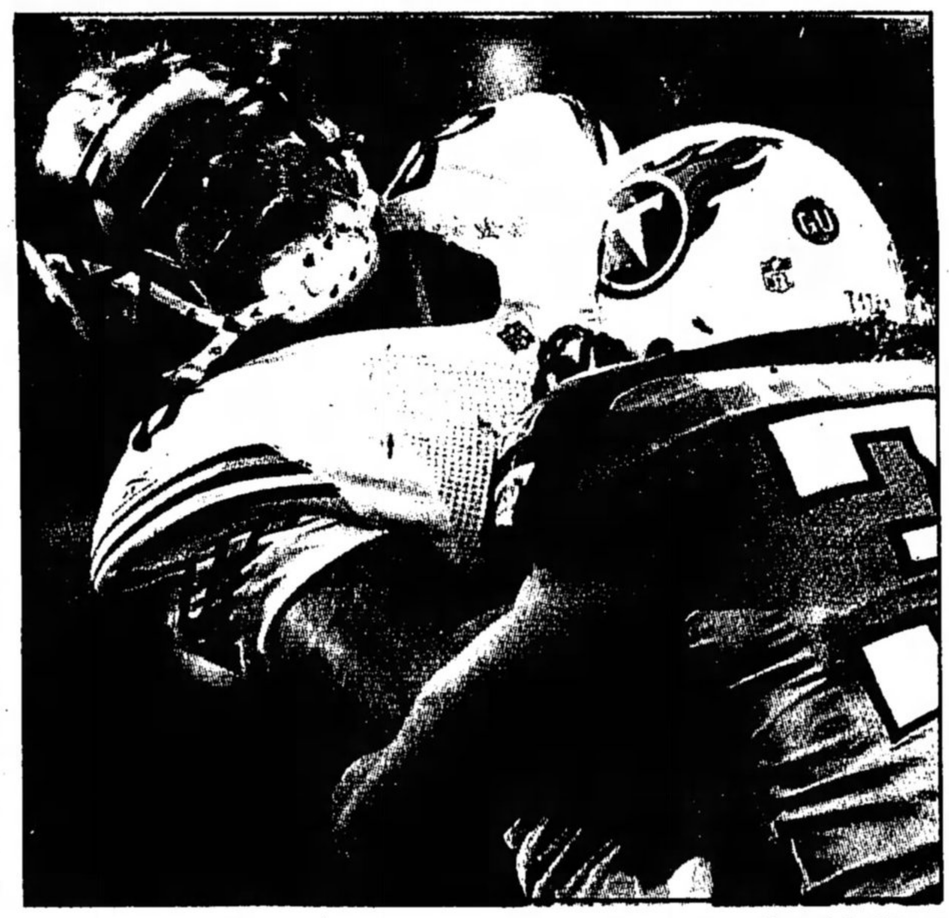
By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Hines Ward's game is partly defined by his willingness to deliver a nasty hit. Yet the Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver cringes when he sees a player taking one — especially a helmet-to-helmet blow that might cause a concussion.

Ward is repeatedly cited in player surveys as being one of the NFL's borderline dirty players. But he didn't want former Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow returning prematurely from a concussion Sept. 26 when the Florida quarterback's helmet slammed into a teammate's leg. Tebow came back to play Saturday against LSU.

"Some guys, we're powerful, and we want to come back quick, not understanding the ramifications of getting hit like that again," Ward said. "I watched a TV special where a high school kid lied to the doctors and said he was ready, and he got hit in a similar way and ended up paralyzed."

While the Steelers' physicality and take-no-abuse personality have rarely changed since the Steel Curtain days of the 1970s, Ward and other players are concerned about studies that reflect the dangers of playing in the NFL — and, especially, of receiving concussions.



Associated Press

Steelers receiver Hines Ward takes a hard hit from Tennessee's Cortland Finnegan while scoring a touchdown in a 2008 game.

An NFL-commissioned study reported Alzheimer's disease and dementia were diagnosed among former players at a significantly higher rate than the general population. While the NFL cautioned there is no established link between memory disorders and head injuries sustained by former players, the Steelers have been warned by their own doctors for years about the dangers of concussions.

The UPMC Center for Sports Medicine, based in the same complex where the Steelers practice, has studied the effects of concussions on football players for most of this decade. One of its studies determined that a player suffering a second concussion while recovering from an earlier concussion risks permanent brain injury or death, although NFL players recover more rapidly from concussions than do high school players.

"It's something we've known," safety Ryan Clark said, referring to the sport's risks. "It's like telling a boxer, 'Hey, you can get punch drunk.' And he still goes in there and fights 12 rounds as hard as he can. It's what you do, it's who you are. We're blessed with this talent and we play because we love it, but it can be a problem."

Former Steelers physician Julian Bailes, chair of neurosurgery at West Virginia University, co-authored a study four years ago that found players who received multiple concussions are more likely to develop post-career problems such as depression. A UPMC study released in 2002 determined football players who have sustained multiple concussions have a greater risk of developing a concussion than a player who has never had one.

UPMC researchers also have warned there is no such thing as a mild concussion, and that a headache or momentary confusion caused by a hit can be the first sign of a much more significant neurological problem.

"If you're not healed up and ready to play, you can mess yourself up real bad, not only while you're playing but after you're playing as well," Ward said.

Injuries are inevitable is a sport that is violent by nature, and most Steelers players take the attitude that they can only hope that a catastrophic mishap doesn't occur to them.

(See CONCUSSIONS, Page 3B)

BVA boys benefit from tie

Leps stay a game ahead of Thomas Jefferson in playoff race.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

A tie was almost as good as a win for the Belle Vernon Area High boys' soccer team Tuesday.

The Leps deadlocked Southmoreland, 2-2, at James Weir Stadium to remain in third place, a game ahead of Thomas Jefferson in the battle for the final playoff spot in Class AA Section 3.

Mark Tomich and Ben Burnsworth scored for the Leps (10-4-2, 7-3-2), who avenged a 2-1 defeat and dropped the Scotties into second place.

"I am very proud of the boys," said BVA coach Chris Stasicha. "Southmoreland threw everything at us because they needed a win to get the section title."

BVA visits front-running South Park (10-1-0) Thursday with Southmoreland (10-1-1) going to TJ (7-4-1).

Soccer roundup

Peters Township 3, Ringgold 1

Darren Ilginfritz gave the Rams a 1-0 lead against the Class AAA Section 5 leaders before going down to their fourth straight loss.

Matt Venanzi had two assists and put in a penalty kick for the Indians (11-2-1, 9-0).

Ringgold (7-7, 2-7) gets Trinity Thursday in its home finale.

Carlynton 3, Monessen 0

The Cougares clinched a tie for the Class A Section 4 title with the victory behind two goals from Voloolymyr Sagaydak.

"I am real proud of the effort we put in," said Monessen coach Sam Perry. "We had a fantastic defensive effort."

The Greyhounds (4-9-2, 2-7-2) are at South Side Beaver Thursday for an exhibition contest.

Elizabeth Forward 8, Uniontown 0

The Warriors rolled with Tyler Abels scoring two goals to raise his season total to 26 in the Class AA Section 3 game.

Cam Easler, John Turek, Deren Breitinger, Justin Delmaster, Dan Stit and Zach Owoc had the other Elizabeth goals.

Aaron Matte posted Elizabeth's third shutout.

"This was a great way to celebrate senior night," said Elizabeth coach Dave King. "The kids wanted it."

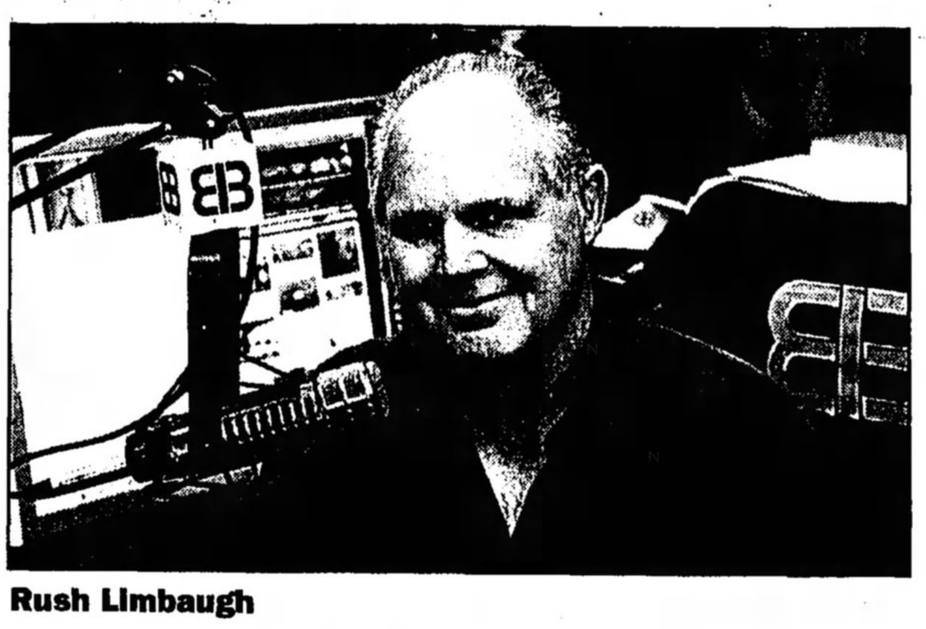
The Warriors (8-8, 6-6) go to Yough Thursday.

SPORTS

NFL owners fear next Marge Schott

Outspoken Limbaugh faces opposition in bid to buy St. Louis Rams.

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Columnist



Rush Limbaugh

It's hard to imagine a room full of rich, mostly middle-aged white Republicans turning thumbs down on one of their own.

But wherever their real sympathies lie, NFL owners still value business more than principle. And when they looked at Rush Limbaugh, apparently what they envisioned was another Marge Schott — somebody who was going to cause them more trouble than he's worth.

So barely a week after the talk-radio king announced he was partnering with St. Louis Blues owner Dave Checketts in a bid to buy the league's St. Louis Rams, it fell to NFL commissioner Roger Goodell to not-so-subtly inform Limbaugh that he was wasting his time.

"I have said many times before that we are all held to a higher standard here," Goodell said Tuesday at an owners meeting in Boston. "I think divisive comments are not what the NFL is all about. I would not want to see those kind of comments from people who are in a responsible position within the NFL. No. Absolutely not."

The commissioner also said the Rams' current owners updated the league about the potential sale, but specific groups weren't discussed. Whoever wins the bidding, though, would still need approval from 24 of the league's 32 teams, and Colts owner Jim Irsay became the first to say publicly what more than a few of his lodge brothers were thinking: There was no point asking for his vote.

"I, myself, couldn't even consider voting for him," Irsay said at the same owners meeting. "When there are comments that have been made that are inappropriate, incendiary and insensitive ... our words do damage, and it's something that we don't need."

Limbaugh complained in an e-mail response to The Associated Press that the media was using "totally made-up and fabricated quotes" to discredit his bid, which is a tactic he knows something about.

"It is regrettable that something I have dreamed about for years has taken this course. But the fight is worth it to me," he wrote. "I love the National Football League."

This isn't the first time, of course, the league has failed to return the affection. ESPN hired Limbaugh in 2003 to add some spark to the network's "NFL Sunday Countdown." But when he kicked up a firestorm with his uninformed opinion that Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb was overrated because "the media has been very desirous that a black quarterback do well," the NFL couldn't distance itself fast enough.

"ESPN knew what it was getting when they hired Rush Limbaugh," league vice president Joe Browne said at the time. "ESPN selects its on-air talent, not the NFL."

But the NFL selects its owners, and the people in charge know exactly what they would be in for if Limbaugh were allowed, even as a minority partner, to join the club. NFL Players Association head DeMaurice Smith, who is black, has urged players to speak out against Limbaugh's bid. Several have already done just that, and bad as the Rams are at the moment — they've lost 15 straight heading into Jacksonville this weekend — in a league where nearly two-thirds of the players are black, the team could wind up even worse.

Ultimately, that's why Limbaugh doesn't have a chance. Back in the day, Art Modell, who owned the Cleveland Browns, assessed the league's revenue sharing plan that enabled small-market teams like Green Bay to compete with the big boys and joked, "We're 26 Republicans who vote Socialist!"

When everybody is making money, the last thing they're apt to do is bring somebody on board who's going to make the mission harder.

Since Limbaugh mocked Chicago's bid committee when it got knocked out in the first round of balloting for the 2016 Olympics, what does it say that his own attempt to buy into the NFL's boys club likely won't even come to a vote? Only this: He didn't bother to do his homework, as the McNabb episode and his forced resignation from ESPN suggested; or else, he's not above pulling a cheap publicity stunt to get his name back in the headlines for a few days.

In a recent interview with NBC, Limbaugh was asked how much of what he said was strictly for entertainment purposes and how much of it he actually believed. Toward the end of a rambling answer, Limbaugh said, "Everybody that listens agrees with me," he said.

Or maybe not.

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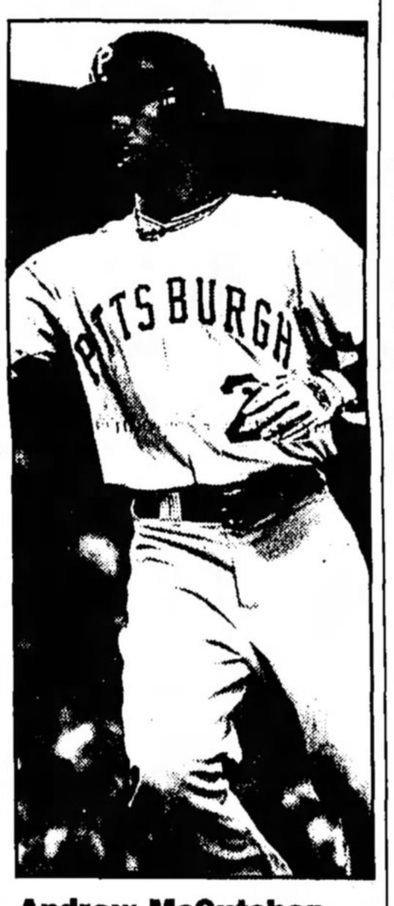
McCutcheon wins Clemente Award

Young outfielder gets seven of nine first-place votes.



Andrew McCutchen

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Center fielder Andrew McCutchen is the winner of the Roberto Clemente Award, which is presented annually to the top Pittsburgh Pirates player of that season.

McCutchen received seven of a possible nine first-place votes in balloting by members of the Baseball Writers Association of America. Outfielder Garrett Jones finished second and right-hander Ross Ohlendorf was third.

McCutchen joins second baseman Tony Womack as the only rookie to win the award, which is named for the late Hall of Fame outfielder. Womack shared the 1997 award with first baseman Kevin Young.

The Pirates didn't recall McCutchen from Triple-A Indianapolis until they traded Nate McLouth — the 2008 Clemente winner — to the Atlanta Braves on June 3. McCutchen went on to hit .286 with 12 homers, 54 RBIs and 22 stolen bases in 108 games.

Jones, a late June callup, batted .293 with 21 homers and 44 RBIs in 82 games. Ohlendorf was the only starting pitcher to stay with the Pirates all season who had a winning record, going 11-10 with a 3.92 ERA in 29 starts.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Marlon McIntyre ran for 172 yards and two touchdowns in Belle Vernon Area's 13-0 win over Brownsville.

Ed Brown scored a pair of touchdowns in Mon Valley Catholic's 28-6 romp over Turtle Creek.

Jimmy Edwards scored a touchdown in Charleroi's 8-6 loss to West Mifflin North.

20 Years Ago

Clarence Law blocked Lee Hendrick's 20-yard field goal attempt with 22 seconds left to preserve Ringgold's 14-14 tie with North Allegheny.

Craig Fayak threw for 126 yards, ran for two touchdowns and kicked a 28-yard field goal in Belle Vernon Area's 24-0 win over Canon-McMillan.

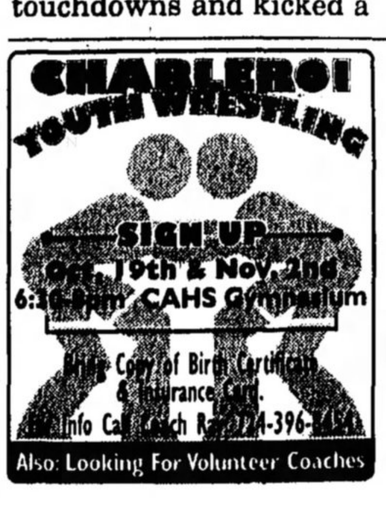
Junior Scott tushed for 197 yards and two touchdowns in Monessen's 28-20 victory at Carmichaels.

Darrell Harding (163 yards and two TDs) and Nick Milchovich (102 yards and three TDs) led Charleroi to a 41-13 romp over Burgettstown.

10 Years Ago

Charleroi's George Zuraw was hired as assistant to Pittsburgh Pirates general manager Cam Bonifay.

The wind helped Arlee Fafalios' shot go in to give Monessen a 1-0 overtime win over McGuffey.



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SPORTS DIGEST

Ringgold blanks South Allegheny

The Ringgold High girls' soccer team goes to South Park today after posting its second shutout win in as many days.

The Lady Rams upped their overall record to 7-9 with a 6-0 exhibition victory over visiting South Allegheny.

Angela Beck scored two goals while Lindsay Ficarelli, Ashley McMahon, Sarah Lutz and Amanda Flament added tallies.

"It is always good to put together a winning streak," said Ringgold coach Tom Cameron.

Monessen cagers down California

Mariha Johnson (18) and Kara Grogan (8) combined for 26 points to lead Monessen Middle School's basketball team to a 37-6 romp over California.

The win upped the Little Lady Greyhounds' record to 5-8.

Ringgold sweeps Connellsville, 3-0

Ringgold upped its Class AAA Section 2 volleyball record to 6-4 by sweeping Connellsville.

Sam Helmantoler (14) and Kelly Becquet (8) combined for 22 kills with the Lady Rams winning by 25-21, 25-13 and 25-18 scores.

Charleroi cagers remain unbeaten

The unbeaten Charleroi Middle School girl's basketball team rolled to a 28-8 win at Geibel for its 12th win.

BV Area cagers down Frazier

Belle Vernon Area Middle School's basketball team upped its section record to 8-1 with a 32-19 win over Frazier. Megan Staley topped the Little Lady Leps (10-7) with 10 points. Laurel Timko was high for Frazier with five points.

Charleroi booters blank Brownsville

Nick Gavazzi scored three goals in Charleroi Middle School's 4-0 soccer win over Brownsville.

Jordan Thompson had the other goal with Gunnar Riley and Gavazzi combining on the shutout.

BVA volleyballers lose to Indiana

Belle Vernon Area High's volleyball team lost to Indiana, 3-0.

Bryanna Lewis had five kills for the Lady Leps, who lost by 25-16, 25-7 and 25-15 scores.

Pirates not last in TV ratings

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh Pirates games on FSN Pittsburgh drew a Nielsen rating of 3.25 that was higher than the regional sports network ratings for 11 other major league clubs, according to SportsBusiness Journal. Although the Pirates lost 99 games during a record-setting 17th consecutive losing season, their ratings were higher than those for the Royals, Orioles, Astros, Indians, Mets, Rangers, White Sox, Dodgers, Angels, Athletics and Nationals.

The Pirates' ratings were up 18.2 percent from 2008 and the average number of households watching, 38,000, was up 18.8 percent. By comparison, Dodgers games on FS Prime Ticket drew a rating of 2.15, but the average number of households watching was 122,000, according to the publication.

The Phillies were the third highest-rated team at 7.13 on CSN Philadelphia, up 24 percent, with an average of 210,000 households.

NFL changes kickoff times

NEW YORK (AP) — The kickoff times of the Giants-Eagles and Vikings-Packers games Nov. 1 have been flipped because of the possibility of a World Series game in Philadelphia that night.

Giants-Eagles will now start at 1 p.m. EST, with Minnesota-Green Bay at 4:15 EST.

If the Phillies reach the World Series, they'd host Game 4 at 8 p.m. that day. The NFL said Tuesday that moving the football game earlier would ease the burden on city and law enforcement employees who work at the two Philadelphia stadiums and staff the shared parking lots.

The Phillies beat the Rockies on Monday night to make the NL championship series. The NFL decided to change the game times before it was known whether the team would reach the World Series to give fans sufficient notice.

Dukes' Monteiro gets reinstated

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Duquesne University sophomore guard B.J. Monteiro will be reinstated to the team now that criminal charges in his native Connecticut have been dropped.

Coach Ron Everhart says he reinstated Monteiro Wednesday because the charges were dropped on Tuesday.

Police in Torrington, Conn. had charged Monteiro with larceny and conspiracy in connection with an iPod, laptop computer and cash worth a total of $1,400 that were stolen from a party Aug. 7.

Monteiro's attorney faxed the coach to confirm the charges were dropped. Monteiro averaged 3.3 points in 30 games last season. He was expected to play a bigger role now that the team's leading scorer, guard Aaron Jackson, has used up his eligibility.

New Mexico coach suspended after fight

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico coach Mike Locksley won't be on the sidelines when his team plays UNLV later this month, part of a 10-day suspension issued as punishment for his role in a fight with an assistant coach.

Athletic director Paul Krebs said during a news conference that the coach won't be allowed to have any contact with the team until Oct. 25, one day after UNLV visits Albuquerque. The Lobos have a bye this week.

Trivia answer

Indianapolis Marvin Harrison (14,580), Seattle's Steve Largent (13,089), Dallas' Michael Irvin (11,904) and Denver's Rod Smith (11,389).

Concussions (FROM PAGE ONE)

However, players are getting so big, so strong and so fast, Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer recently predicted there will be a fatality someday in an NFL game.

The NFL commissioned-study released this season generated enough concern that the NFL Players Association formed a committee headed by former Steelers wide receiver Sean Morey, now of Arizona, to address the issue of head trauma among players.

To guard against athletes playing while still having a concussion, UPMC researchers developed the ImPACT test (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) that Steelers players must pass before they can play again. All 32 NFL teams use the ImPACT test or similar testing, and the league has becoming increasing strict in regulating helmet-to-helmet hits and fining offenders.

"We know the studies, we know the research that's going on behind it, but if you look at that stuff as a football player, you probably shouldn't even be playing the game, linebacker James Farrior said. "Down the road, after I'm finished, I'll probably worry a little bit more about it, but it's definitely one of the sacrifices you make if you want to play this game."

Steelers safety Troy Polamalu has had seven concussions since his high school days in Oregon, several at Southern California, yet he remains one of the game's best defensive players. His latest concussion occurred last year against the Giants.

Ward would be worried if he had that many concussions himself.

"I can't speak for Troy," Ward said. "But it is a concern. If you're having multiple concussions, you really need to think about 25 years down the line. You could be a fruitcake. When you have one, two, that's part of football. When you have multiples, you've got to think about it."

SPORTS

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	6	5	1	0	10	24	12
Pittsburgh	6	5	1	0	10	21	15
Philadelphia	5	3	1	1	7	19	15
New Jersey	5	3	2	0	6	14	15
N.Y. Islanders	4	0	1	3	3	9	13

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	4	3	0	1	7	10	5
Ottawa	5	3	2	0	6	12	14
Boston	5	2	3	0	4	16	19
Montreal	5	2	3	0	4	12	18
Toronto	6	0	5	1	1	13	28

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	5	2	1	2	6	15	16
Washington	6	2	2	2	6	22	21
Atlanta	3	2	1	0	4	12	9
Carolina	5	2	3	0	4	13	17
Florida	5	1	4	0	2	10	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	5	4	1	0	8	14	11
Chicago	5	3	1	1	7	19	15
Nashville	4	2	2	0	4	7	11
St. Louis	4	2	2	0	4	12	12
Detroit	5	2	3	0	4	14	19

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	6	4	1	1	9	21	13
Calgary	7	4	2	1	9	25	25
Edmonton	5	3	1	1	7	20	15
Vancouver	5	2	3	0	4	17	17
Minnesota	4	1	3	0	2	10	15

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	5	4	1	0	8	19	15
San Jose	6	3	2	1	7	20	18
Phoenix	5	3	2	0	6	11	7
Anaheim	5	2	2	1	5	13	13
Dallas	4	1	0	3	5	14	14

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Tuesday's Games

Buffalo 6, Detroit 2
Columbus 2, Calgary 1
Colorado 4, Toronto 1

Today's Games

Los Angeles at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Nashville at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Sports moves

BASEBALL

American League

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Named Dana Brown special assistant to the general manager, Ryan Mittleman coordinator of amateur scouting and Harry Einbinder coordinator of professional scouting.

National League

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Assigned RHP Josh Geer, OF Drew Macias, INF Luis Rodriguez and C Eliezer Alfonzo outright to Portland (PCL). Announced Rodriguez and Alfonzo elected to become free agents.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Signed general manager Brian Sabean and manager Bruce Bochy to two-year contract extensions.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA—Fined Washington G Gilbert Arenas $25,000 for failing to make himself available to the media for interviews. Fined the Washington Wizards organization $25,000 for failing to ensure that its players comply with NBA media interview rules.

ATLANTA HAWKS—Waived G Aaron Miles and G Frank Robinson.

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Exercised their third-year contract option on G Eric Gordon and the fourth-year option on F Al Thornton.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Released F Dwayne Jones.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Released DT Keilen Dykes and signed him to the practice squad. Released DE Alex Field from the practice squad.

BALTIMORE RAVENS—Signed WR David Tyree. Waived TE Tony Curtis.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Released C Brad St. Louis. Signed C Clark Harris.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Released CB Cletis Gordon. Re-signed RB Chauncey Washington to the practice squad.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed OL Khalif Mitchell to the practice squad.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Placed OT Brandon Frye on injured reserve. Signed OT Damion McIntosh.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed WR Yamon Figurs. Released LB Matt McCoy. Signed OL Marc Dile to the practice squad. Released WR Pat Carter and DT Rashaad Duncan from the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Reassigned RW Jack Skille to Rockford (AHL).

MINNESOTA WILD—Placed F Cal Clutterbuck on injured reserve.

MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled D Shawn Belle from Hamilton (AHL).

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Reassigned F Triston Grant to Milwaukee (AHL).

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Reassigned F Guillaume Desbiens to Manitoba (ECHL).

MOTORSPORTS

NASCAR—Suspended Nationwide Series crew member Robert Good (No. 26 Dodge team) indefinitely for violating the substance abuse policy.

COLLEGE

ATLANTIC 10 CONFERENCE—Named Jill Redmond director of compliance and Melissa Kristofak associate director of communications.

WEST COAST CONFERENCE—Named Colleen Lim associate commissioner for governance and administration.

HAMILTON—Named Caitlin Bradley assistant cross country and track and field coach.

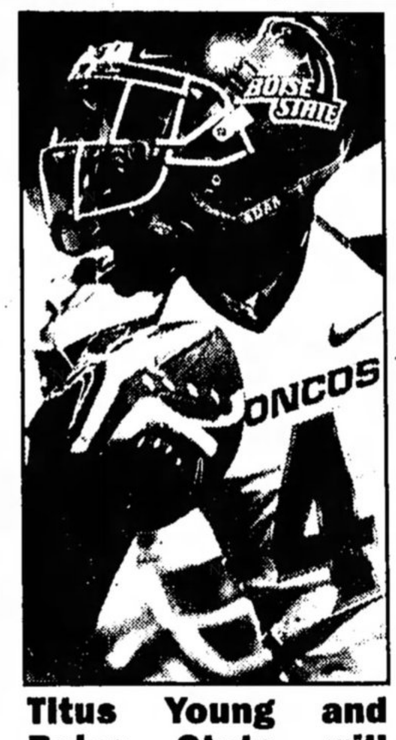
NEVADA—Suspended OT Mike Gallett for the rest of the season for violating team rules.

NEW MEXICO—Suspended football coach Mike Locksley 10 days for his role in an incident with a member of his coaching staff on Sept. 20, in the Lobo football administrative offices.

NEW MEXICO STATE—Suspended RB Marquell Colston after he was charged with a third-degree felony.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY—Named Christian Witzke men's assistant swim coach.

PURDUE—Suspended men's basketball G Lewis Jackson for two exhibition games and the regular-season opener for violating team and NCAA rules.



Titus Young and Boise State will face Tulsa at 8 p.m. on ESPN.

Sports dial

Today

Television

7 p.m. - Fox Sports - Pittsburgh at Carolina, hockey.

7:30 p.m. - ESPN2 - United States vs Costa Rica, soccer.

8 p.m. - ESPN - Boise State at Tulsa, college football.

9 p.m. - Versus - Florida at Las Vegas, pro football.

10 p.m. - ESPN2 - New York at Real Salt Lake, soccer.

High school football

Class AAA

Big Seven Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Chartiers Valley	4	0	6	0
Thomas Jefferson	3	0	6	0
West Mifflin	2	1	5	1
Belle Vernon Area	1	2	3	3
Elizabeth Forward	1	3	3	3
Trintty	1	3	1	5
Ringgold	0	3	2	4

Thursday

Thom. Jefferson at Chartiers Valley

Friday

Ringgold at BV Area
Trinity at West Mifflin
Elizabeth at Derry

Keystone Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Greensburg Salem	3	0	5	1
Laurel Highlands	2	1	2	4
Uniontown	2	1	3	3
Albert Gallatin	2	2	3	3
Derry	2	2	2	4
Yough	1	3	1	5
Southmoreland	0	3	0	6

Friday

Yough at Uniontown
Laurel Highlands at Albert Gallatin
Southmoreland at Grb. Salem

Class AA

Interstate Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Mt. Pleasant	6	0	6	0
Charleroi	5	1	5	1
Jeannette	5	1	5	1
McGuffey	4	2	4	2
Washington	4	2	4	2
Greensburg Central	4	2	4	2
Waynesburg	1	5	1	5
Brownsville	1	5	1	5
South Allegheny	0	6	0	6
East Allegheny	0	6	0	6

Friday

McGuffey at Charleroi
Mt. Pleasant at South Allegheny
Jeannette at Washington
East Allegheny at Waynesburg
Grb. Central at Brownsville

Class A

Tri-County South

	Con.	Overall
	W L	W L
Monessen	4 0	4 2
Jefferson-Morgan	3 1	5 1
Beth-Center	3 1	4 2
California	3 1	4 2
Carmichaels	2 2	2 4
Geibel	1 3	2 4
West Greene	0 4	0 6
Mapletown	0 4	0 6

Friday

Jeff-Morgan at Monessen
California at Beth-Center
Mapletown at West Greene
Saturday
Carmichaels at Geibel (Noon)

Black Hills Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Clairton	4	0	5	1
Serra	3	1	5	1
Fort Cherry	2	2	4	2
Chartiers-Houston	2	2	4	2
Burgettstown	2	2	3	3
Frazier	2	2	3	3
Bentworth	0	4	1	5
Avella	1	3	2	4

Friday

Clairton at Burgettstown
Avella at Bentworth
Fort Cherry at Frazier
Serra at C-Houston

MLS standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
y-Columbus	13	5	10	49	41	29
Chicago	10	7	11	41	38	34
New England	10	10	8	38	32	37
Toronto FC	9	10	9	36	36	41
D.C.	8	8	12	36	40	42
Kansas City	8	12	8	32	29	37
New York	4	18	6	18	22	45

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Houston	12	8	8	44	36	27
x-Los Angeles	11	6	11	44	34	31
Chivas USA	13	9	5	44	30	25
Seattle	10	7	11	41	33	26
Colorado	10	8	10	40	41	33
FC Dallas	10	12	6	36	47	44
Real SaltLake	9	11	7	34	38	34
San Jose	7	13	8	29	34	46

x-clinched playoff berth
y-clinched conference

Today's Game

New York at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Real Salt Lake at Toronto FC, 4 p.m.
Chicago at New England, 6 p.m.
Columbus at D.C. United, 8 p.m.
Seattle FC at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.

AFC leaders

Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TDint
P. Manning,IND	181	133	1645	12 4
Ro'berger, PIT	172	127	1470	8 5
Schaub, HOU	179	115	1418	10 4
Orton, DEN	165	104	1236	7 1
P. Rivers,SND	150	88	1245	6 3
Flacco, BAL	182	117	1289	9 5
Garrard, JAC	169	100	1129	5 1
Brady, NWE	207	127	1344	6 2
Cassel, KAN	130	76	711	7 2
C. Palmer,CIN	168	97	1116	7 6

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Benson, CIN	111	487	4.39	28t	3
Chr. Johnson,TEN	78	468	6.00	91t	2
Ro. Brown,MIA	93	443	4.76	38	6
R. Rice,BAL	63	364	5.78	50	1
F. Jackson,BUF	83	363	4.37	43	0
Moreno, DEN	81	337	4.16	17	1
Jones-Drew, JAC	75	330	4.40	61t	5
Ri. Williams,MIA	61	316	5.18	28	2
Mendenhall, PIT	51	287	5.63	39	3
T. Jones,NYJ	74	271	3.66	39	5

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Dal. Clark,IND	35	441	12.6	80t	2
H. Ward,PIT	33	440	13.3	41	1
Wayne, IND	32	459	14.3	39	4
R. Moss,NWE	30	367	12.2	36	1
H. Miller,PIT	29	235	8.1	18	3
A. Johnson,HOU	28	437	15.6	72t	4
Welker, NWE	26	227	8.7	17	1
Addai, IND	26	153	5.9	17	1
O. Daniels,HOU	25	296	11.8	44	2
Cotchery, NYJ	24	360	15.0	46	1

Scoring

Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
McGahee, BAL	7	5	2	0	42
Ro. Brown,MIA	6	6	0	0	36
Jones-Drew, JAC	5	5	0	0	30
T. Jones,NYJ	5	5	0	0	30
Addai, IND	4	3	1	0	24
And. Johnson,HOU	4	0	4	0	24
B. Marshall,DEN	4	0	4	0	24
Wayne, IND	4	0	4	0	24
Chr. Johnson,TEN	3	2	1	0	20
Benson, CIN	3	3	0	0	18

Kicking

	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Gostkowski, NWE	8-8	12-14	53	44
Prater, DEN	9-9	10-13	50	39
Feely, NYJ	11-11	8-8	43	35
Kaeding, SND	11-11	8-9	47	35
Vinatieri, IND	17-17	6-8	48	35
Carpenter,MIA	13-13	7-8	45	34
Scobee, JAC	10-10	7-10	52	31
Hauschka, BAL	18-18	4-5	44	30
K. Brown,HOU	14-14	5-7	38	29
Lindell, BUF	8-8	7-8	43	29

NFC leaders

Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TDint
E. Manning,NYG	135	87	1212	10 2
Brees, NOR	129	87	1031	9 2
Favre, MIN	149	103	1069	9 2
Hasselbck, SEA	84	53	617	7 2
M. Ryan,ATL	123	82	977	7 2
Rodgers, GBY	127	77	1098	6 1
Warner, ARI	160	106	1165	6 4
Cutler, CHI	129	83	901	8 5
Kolb, PHI	96	62	741	4 3
Campbell,WAS	147	98	1108	6 5

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
A. Peterson,MIN	99	481	4.86	64t	7
S. Jackson,STL	104	451	4.34	58	0
Bradshaw, NYG	58	375	6.47	38	2
Jacobs, NYG	100	355	3.55	31	1
Portis, WAS	91	338	3.71	34	1
M. Turner,ATL	87	323	3.71	33	5
M. Barber,DAL	58	297	5.12	35	3
K. Smith,DET	94	287	3.05	19	3
Ju. Jones,SEA	69	285	4.13	62t	1
Forte, CHI	71	271	3.82	61	1

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
St. Smith,NYG	37	481	13.0	43	4
Burleson, SEA	30	358	11.9	44t	3
Witten, DAL	28	259	9.3	22	1
H'zadeh, SEA	27	325	12.0	34t	2
Celek, PHL	26	303	11.7	38	2
Winslow, TAM	26	257	9.9	42t	4
Hightower, ARI	25	202	8.1	23	0
R. White,ATL	23	329	14.3	90t	3
Boldin, ARI	23	252	11.0	20	1
C. Johnson,DET	22	325	14.8	64	1

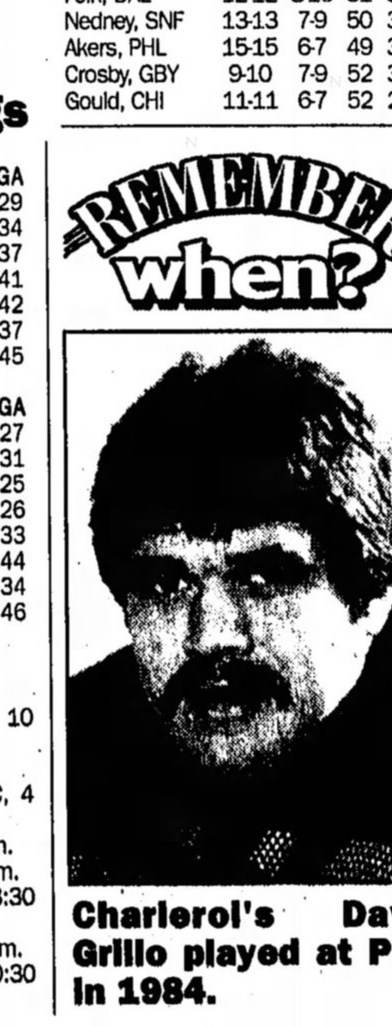
Scoring

Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
A. Peterson,MIN	7	7	0	0	42
M. Turner,ATL	5	5	0	0	30
Fitzgerald, ARI	4	0	4	0	24
Gore, SNF	4	3	1	0	24
St. Smith,NYG	4	0	4	0	24
Winslow, TAM	4	0	4	0	24
Austin, DAL	3	0	3	0	18
M. Barber,DAL	3	3	0	0	18
Burleson, SEA	3	0	3	0	18
Colston, NOR	3	0	3	0	18

Kicking

	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Tynes, NYG	16-16	13-16	45	55
Longwell, MIN	19-19	7-8	52	40
Ja. Hanson,DET	10-10	9-10	48	37
Mare, SEA	13-13	8-10	47	37
Carney, NOR	18-18	6-7	39	36
Folk, DAL	12-12	8-10	51	36
Nedney, SNF	13-13	7-9	50	34
Akers, PHL	15-15	6-7	49	33
Crosby, GBY	9-10	7-9	52	30
Gould, CHI	11-11	6-7	52	29



Charleroi's Dave Grillo played at Pitt in 1984.

Latest Line

BEST BET: Boise State is 35-15-1 vs. the spread its last 51 games against a team with a winning record. The Broncos are also 37-18-1 vs. the spread their last 56 non-conference games and a solid 17-4 vs. the spread the last 21 games as a favorite of 3 1/2 to 10 points. Tulsa is 0-4 its last 4 games as an underdog. Take Boise State -9 for another Best Bet winner.

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Oct 18		
Week Six		
WASHINGTON	6 1/2(37)	Kan. City
CINCINNATI	5 - (45)	Houston
PITTSBURGH	14 (38)	Cleveland
MINNESOTA	2 1/2(43)	Baltimore
J'VILLE	10 (42)	St. Louis
N. ORLEANS	3 (48)	NY Giants
Carolina	3 1/2 (40)	TAMPA BAY
GREEN BAY	13 1/2(48)	Detroit
Philadelphia	14 (41)	OAKLAND
SEATTLE	2 1/2(47)	Arizona
NY JETS	9 1/2(38)	Buffalo
N. ENGLAND	9 1/2(43)	Tennessee
ATLANTA	3 (46)	Chicago
Monday, Oct 19		
SAN DIEGO	4 (44)	Denver

College Football

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Boise St	9	TULSA
Thursday, Oct 15		
Cincinnati	3	SOUTH FLA
Friday, Oct 16		
Pittsburgh	3	RUTGERS
Saturday, Oct 17		
a-Texas	3 1/2	Oklahoma
BOS. COLL.	2 1/2	N. Carolina St
Ohio St	13 1/2	PURDUE
Bowling Gr.	3	BALL ST
MICH. ST	13	N'western
WISCONSIN	2 1/2	Iowa
Virginia	4	MARYLAND
CLEMSON	7	Wake Forest
IOWA ST	2	Baylor
MISSISSIPPI	22	Ala-Birm.
Georgia	8 1/2	VANDERBILT
AUBURN	13 1/2	Kentucky
TEMPLE	9	Army
C. Michigan	6 1/2	W. MICHIGAN
AIR FORCE	11	Wyoming
OHIO	13 1/2	Miami-Ohio
Nevada	9	UTAH ST
PENN ST	16 1/2	Minnesota
W. VIRGINIA	20	Marshall
ALABAMA	17	S. Carolina
Southern Cal	10	NOTRE DAME
California	3 1/2	UCLA
Houston	17	TULANE
NEBRASKA	10	Texas Tech
Texas A&M	5 1/2	KANSAS ST
Virginia Tech	3 1/2	GA TECH
OKLA. ST	7	Missouri
E. CAROLINA	18	Rice
BUFFALO	9 1/2	Akron
TCU	22	Colorado St
LA TECH	20	N. Mexico St
Kent St	6	E. MICHIGAN
IDAHO	10	Hawaii
Byu	18	SAN DIEGO ST
ARIZONA	4 1/2	Stanford
Illinois	3	INDIANA
SO. MISS	13 1/2	Memphis
b-TOLEDO	NL	N. Illinois
CONN.	12 1/2	Louisville
Kansas	9 1/2	COLORADO
Miami-Florida	14 1/2	C. FLORIDA
FLORIDA	25	Arkansas
Navy	8 1/2	SMU
ARIZONA ST	6 1/2	Washington
Utah	16	UNLV
FRESNO ST	19	San Jose St
UL-Lafayette	7 1/2	W. KENTUCKY
Troy	9	FLA INTER.
N. TEXAS	1 1/2	Fla Atlantic
Mississippi St	4	MID TENN ST
MICHIGAN	35 1/2	Delaware St

a-at Dallas, TX.
b-Toledo QB A. Opelt is doubtful.

Baseball

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
Thursday, Oct 15		
National League Championship Series		
Best of Seven-Game One		
LA DODGERS	Even-6	Philadelphia
Friday, Oct 16		
American League Championship Series		
Best of Seven-Game One		
NY YANKEES	7 1/2-8 1/2	LA

NHL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
NY RANGERS	1/2-1	Los Angeles
Pittsburgh	Even-1/2	CAROLINA
DALLAS	Even-1/2	Nashville
CHICAGO	1/2-1	Edmonton
ANAHEIM	1/2-1	Minnesota

PSAC football

West Division

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
Edinboro	4	0	6	1
California	4	0	5	2
Mercyhurst	3	1	4	3
Clarion	3	1	4	3
Slippery Rock	2	2	5	2
Indiana	2	2	4	3
Gannon	0	4	2	5
Lock Haven	0	4	0	6

Saturday

1 p.m. - Mercyhurst at Clarion; Slippery Rock at Gannon; Indiana at Lock Haven
3 p.m. - Edinboro at California

Big East

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
Pittsburgh	2	0	5	1
Cincinnati	1	0	5	0
USF	1	0	5	0
West Virginia	1	0	4	1
Rutgers	0	1	4	1
Connecticut	0	1	3	2
Louisville	0	1	2	3
Syracuse	0	2	2	4

Thursday

Cincinnati at South Florida, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

NBA preseason

Tuesday's Games

Boston 91, New Jersey 88
Washington 101, Detroit 98
Philadelphia 93, New York 85
Chicago 87, Milwaukee 86
Orlando 121, New Orleans 86

Today's Games

Washington at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Toronto vs. Boston at Hartford, Conn., 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Miami vs. Oklahoma City at Tulsa, Okla., 8 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 10 p.m.

Boys' soccer standings

Class AAA

Section 5

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Peters Township	9	0	0	11	2	1
Upper St. Clair	7	2	0	12	2	1
Canon-McMillan	5	3	1	9	5	1
Moon	3	5	1	6	7	2
Ringgold	2	7	0	7	7	0
Trinity	0	9	0	2	14	0

Tuesday

Peters Township 3, Ringgold 1
Canon-McMillan 0, Moon 0
Upper St. Clair 5, Trinity 0

Thursday

Trinity at Ringgold
Peters Twp. at Canon-McMillan
Moon at Upper St. Clair

Class AA

Section 3

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
South Park	10	1	0	13	2	0
S'moreland	10	1	1	11	3	1
BV Area	7	3	2	10	4	2
Th. Jefferson	7	4	1	8	6	1
Elizabeth Fwd.	6	6	0	8	8	0
Steel Valley	3	9	0	4	10	0
Uniontown	2	9	0	2	12	0
Yough	0	12	0	0	13	0

Tuesday

S'moreland 2, BV Area 2
Thomas Jefferson 4, Steel Valley 0
Elizabeth Forward 8, Uniontown 0
South Park 16, Yough 0

Thursday

BV Area at South Park
Elizabeth at Yough
S'moreland at Thomas Jefferson
Steel Valley at Uniontown

Class A

Section 1

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Grb. Central	12	0	0	12	4	0
Trinity Christian	9	3	0	10	4	0
Serra	7	4	0	10	5	0
Geibel	6	6	0	10	6	0
Winch. Thurston	6	5	1	7	6	1
California	4	7	1	7	9	1
South Allegheny	2	9	0	2	11	0
Brownsville	0	12	0	0	16	0

Tuesday

Serra 2, Geibel 0
Trinity Christian 2, Brownsville 0
Grb. Central 6, Winchester Thurston 0

Today

South Allegheny at Serra

Thursday

Trinity Christian at California
Brownsville at Serra
Grb. Central at Geibel
S. Allegheny at Wincheser Thurston

Section 4

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Carlynton	9	0	1	12	1	2
Bentworth	7	2	1	8	7	1
Charleroi	6	3	0	9	4	0
C-Houston	6	4	1	6	8	2
Monessen	2	7	2	4	9	2
Brentwood	1	8	1	2	10	1
Beth-Center	1	8	0	5	9	0

Tuesday

Carlynton 3, Monessen 0
C-Houston 8, Brentwood 3
Avonworth 4, Bentworth 0

Today

Beth-Center at Charleroi

Thursday

Monessen at South Side Beaver
Charleroi at Carlynton
Bentworth at C-Houston
Brentwood at Beth-Center

Girls' soccer standings

Class AAA

Section 5

	League W	League L	League T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Upper St. Clair	9	1	0	9	4	1
Mt. Lebanon	9	1	0	11	3	0
Canon-McMillan	8	2	0	11	5	0
Ringgold	4	7	0	7	9	0
Trinity	3	7	0	5	9	0
Elizabeth Fwd.	3	7	0	4	10	0
West Mifflin	0	11	0	2	13	0

Tuesday

Ringgold 6, South Allegheny 0
Mt. Lebanon 9, West Mifflin 0

Today

Ringgold at South Park
Trinity at Elizabeth
Canon-McMillan at Upper St.Clair
Mt. Lebanon at West Mifflin

Section 6

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
S'moreland	10	0	2	11	1	2
BV Area	10	0	2	12	2	2
Connellsville	8	4	0	9	7	0
Waynesburg	6	6	0	8	8	0
Yough	5	7	0	8	8	0
Laurel Highlands	5	7	0	6	10	0
Uniontown	2	10	0	3	11	0
Albert Gallatin	0	12	0	0	14	0

Today

BV Area at Waynesburg
Yough at Laurel Highlands
S'moreland at Uniontown
Albert Gallatin at Connellsville

Class AA

Section 1

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
South Park	11	0	0	13	3	1
South Fayette	8	1	0	9	4	1
McGuffey	7	3	0	9	6	0
Bentworth	4	6	0	8	8	0
Charleroi	4	7	0	7	9	0
C-Houston	1	8	0	1	13	1
Beth-Center	0	10	0	2	11	0

Today

Bentworth at Charleroi
South Fayette at McGuffey

Section 6

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Mt. Pleasant	10	1	0	13	3	0
Grb. Central	8	2	0	12	3	1
Geibel	8	2	0	10	4	0
Jeannette	4	4	1	6	6	2
Monessen	2	7	1	4	8	1
St. Joseph	1	8	0	3	10	0
East Allegheny	0	9	0	1	11	0

Tuesday

Mt. Pleasant 8, East Allegheny 0

Today

Grb. Central at Monessen
East Allegheny at St. Joseph
Geibel at Jeannette

Baseball playoffs

Thursday

Philadelphia (Hamels 10-11) at Los Angeles (Wolf 11-7 or Kershaw 8-8), 8:07 p.m.

Friday

Los Angeles (Lackey 11-8) at New York (Sabathia 19-8)

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	3	2	0	.600	101	88
New England	3	2	0	.600	104	91
Miami	2	3	0	.400	112	106
Buffalo	1	4	0	.200	77	116

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	5	0	0	1.000	137	71
Jacksonville	2	3	0	.400	97	127
Houston	2	3	0	.400	115	120
Tennessee	0	5	0	.000	84	139

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	4	1	0

SPORTS

Scarlet Knight-mares

Dave Wannstedt and Bill Stull are winless vs. Rutgers.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Since coach Dave Wannstedt took over in 2005, Pitt has beaten Cincinnati and Connecticut three times each. West Virginia, Louisville and South Florida have gone down twice apiece. Syracuse hasn't beaten him in four tries.

The Big East team Wannstedt can't seem to beat? Rutgers.

TV monitors throughout Pitt's practice center are running tapes from the four most recent matchups against Rutgers, as if the Panthers needed reminders about some of the worst games of the Wannstedt era.

Pitt won its first nine against Rutgers starting in 1981, and six in a row from 1999-2004, but the Panthers haven't beaten the Scarlet Knights since former coach Walt Harris left following the 2004 season.

The Panthers (5-1, 2-0 Big East) are going through a short week of practice before playing at Rutgers (4-1, 0-1) on Friday night. They're probably glad of it, too, considering how quickly they're growing tired of watching the nonstop tape loops.

"There's definitely motivation for us in this game," linebacker Adam Gunn said. "They came in here and really put it on us. We know we have to play a lot better than we did last year, and we have to prove it."

Rutgers' 54-34 victory at Heinz Field last season was one of the worst moments for Wannstedt at Pitt — and for quarterback Bill Stull.

Before the game, Wannstedt said he expected Rutgers to run the ball 40 times. Instead, Scarlet Knights quarterback Mike Teel threw for 361 yards and six touchdowns, including scores of 60, 79 and 36 yards. It was nearly the complete opposite of Rutgers' 20-10 win in 2006, when Ray Rice ran for 225 yards.

Pitt also lost at Rutgers 37-29 in 2005 and 20-16 in 2007.

"This will be, for sure, the most challenging and toughest game we've played this year," said Wannstedt, whose team will be playing its second Friday night road game in three weeks. The Panthers won at Louisville 35-10 on Oct. 2.

Stull tried keeping up with Teel last year, throwing for 279 yards in little more than a half, but left with a concussion after his neck struck teammate LeSean McCoy's back while he was being sacked. The injury kept Stull out for the Panthers' four-overtime win at Notre Dame the following week, and he slumped after returning.

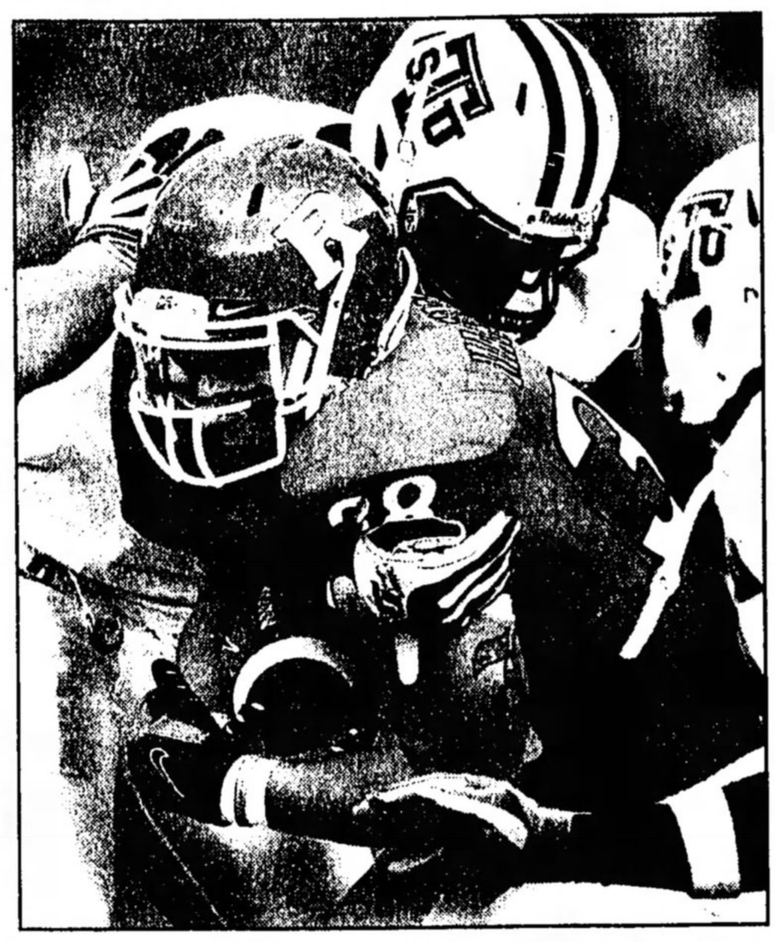
"This one's personal," Stull said. "We can't stress watching film more or working harder, because we do that, but we have to do them better. ... I haven't been on the winning side against these guys, so I'm really taking it personally this week."

Pitt also needs a win to enhance its chances of winning the Big East, since the Panthers play No. 21 South Florida (5-0), West Virginia (4-1) and No. 8 Cincinnati (5-0) during their final five games, plus No. 25 Notre Dame (4-1).

"Four years in a row — if that's not enough motivation, the only team we haven't beaten in the Big East ..." Stull said. "I'm telling you, it's bitter. It really is, and it's definitely personal for all of us."

Pitt recruits heavily in New Jersey, another reason it wants to turn the Rutgers series around. Pitt recruited its two top running backs, Dion Lewis and Ray Graham, out of New Jersey last year.

"It's personal for Bill, because he got hurt against them last year, but I think we're all going to bring something more to the table this week since we haven't beaten them since we've all been here," tight end Dorin Dickerson said.



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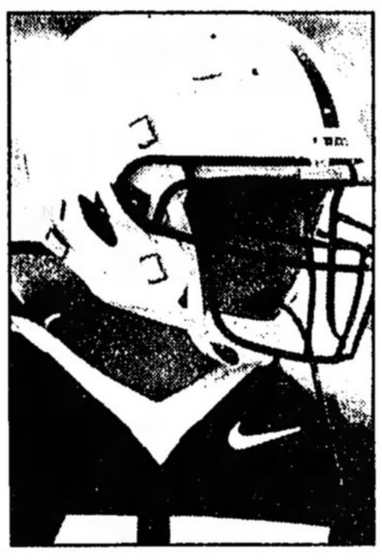
Running back Joe Martinek will try to help Rutgers extend its winning streak over Pitt.



Sean Lee

Lee back at Penn State practice

Linebacker has missed 3 games with an injured knee.

By GENARO ARMAS
AP Sports Writer

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Injured Penn State linebacker Sean Lee returned to practice this week, though coach Joe Paterno is proceeding cautiously in getting his defensive leader back in a game.

Lee did some light drills Monday after sitting out the last three weeks because of a left knee sprain. The senior hopes to build up activity this week to the point where he can join the No. 14 Nittany Lions on Saturday when they host Minnesota.

"If I keep progressing and feeling good, I'll be ready to go," Lee said Tuesday. "Based on how I felt yesterday, I think that's going to be the case."

Not so fast, Paterno said.

The head coach has emphasized that he didn't want to rush Lee back out of fear that it could risk a potential NFL career. Lee had already missed the 2008 season because of a right knee injury, though he was playing well earlier this season before the left knee problem.

The team doctor will decide whether Lee is a go for the Gophers.

"He could do everything, it's just a question of whether he can do and stay healthy physically," Paterno told reporters Tuesday before Lee's teleconference. "If we play Sean, Sean's going to have play as if he's not hurt."

Penn State (5-1, 1-1 Big Ten) is 2-1 without Lee, the loss a 21-10 defeat to Iowa on Week 4. Lee wasn't needed the last two weeks, when the Nittany Lions easily handled Illinois and FCS school Eastern Illinois.

But the second half of the season likely won't be as easy. After Minnesota, Penn State hits the road for games at Michigan and Northwestern before returning home Nov. 7 for the annual showdown against Ohio State.

The regular-season finale is Nov. 21 at Michigan State.

Lee said he understands why Paterno and the medical staff are being cautious. He said he thought he thought the left knee would be 100 percent again this season, though he will have to wear a brace as a precaution.

"After the first week, I knew this was going to take longer than I thought," Lee said. "Within the last week, week-and-a-half, it's really accelerated and I've felt good."

Lee has dressed for games while out, joining fellow captain Daryll Clark for the pregame coin flip before donning a headset to serve as an unofficial assistant. It's not quite the experience that Lee anticipated in his final year in Happy Valley.

Linebacker, in particular, has been a problem this season at banged-up Penn State. Besides Lee, the Nittany Lions lost promising sophomore and potential starter Michael Mauti in preseason to a right knee injury.

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Teen in despair pleads for help, guidance

Dear ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I am a 15-year-old girl who is losing the will to live. I am bisexual, but my parents are very anti-gay/lesbian, so I can't tell them about my sexual orientation.

Every day I engage in self-injury using a metal chain, and I think about suicide a lot.

Please help me. — **HURTING IN ORLANDO, FLA.**

DEAR HURTING: As you already know, your sexual orientation isn't something you chose. It is something you were born with, and your parents' disapproval — as intimidating as it may be — isn't going to change it.

What you are experiencing is not uncommon in young people who have discovered they are "different."

But there is help, not only for you but also for your parents.

The first thing you should do is contact The Trevor Helpline. It is a nationwide, 24-hour helpline for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning young people. A counselor there can help you sort out your feelings and figure out some options. You can find out more about it by going to www.thetrevorproject.org. The toll-free number is (866) 488-7386.

Another terrific resource is PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). PFLAG was established in the 1980s and offers specific advice on how to deal with your parents. You will find its Web site at www.pflag.org.

Both of these organizations provide the support you need, so please don't wait to contact them.

DEAR ABBY: My heart is broken. My 18-year-old son, "Joey," has just put his name on someone else's child's birth certificate. He met the girl in high school. She was already pregnant. Joey has been out of school since May. He has no job, no money and no car.

Joey promised her family he will "take care of her."

They were only too happy to hear it because the real father wants nothing to do with her or the baby. Her parents have made my son feel like a hero, and he enjoys it.

I did everything in my power to talk him out of it. Nothing worked. I can't believe that the girl's family is encouraging him.

Joey is not a man, even if he is 18.

Where are their values? — **HEARTBROKEN MOM IN MESA, ARIZ.**

DEAR MOM: Your son may feel like a hero, but apparently he was not thinking rationally when he put his name on that birth certificate, because what he did was fraud. The father of that baby should be listed as the father, and he is the one who should be financially responsible until the child reaches adulthood.

If Joey wants to lend emotional support, more power to him.

But I'm advising you to consult an attorney to see if this mess can be unraveled before he gets in any deeper.

DEAR ABBY: I am 22 years old and stuck in a long-term relationship. My boyfriend has taken care of me since my mother died last year. She was my only family, so without my boyfriend I'd be alone.

My problem is, I am no longer attracted to him. I don't want to hurt his feelings because of everything he has helped me through, but is a relationship worth staying in if you don't feel the "connection" anymore? — **ALONE IN THE SOUTH**

DEAR ALONE: No, it's not, and it's also not fair to your boyfriend.

Sooner or later you will have to level with him and tell him that, while you're deeply grateful for his support during this difficult time, you have come to regard him as more of a brother than a lover, and while you'll always care for him, the romance is over.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING — OCTOBER 14, 2009

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS	(2) KDKA-TV News at Six (7) WTRF News (10) WTAJ News at 6	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric . (7) Entertainment Inside (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N) (7) Inside Edition (N) (10) Two and a Half Men	The New Adventures of Old Christine "For Love or Money" Divorce. (N)	Gary Unmarried Gary has a one-night stand. (N)	Criminal Minds "Hopeless" BAU goes on a manhunt for a group of suspects who kill for the thrill of it. (N)		CSI: NY "Dead Reckoning" DNA evidence contradicts a scorned woman's confession. (N)		(2) KDKA-TV News at 11 (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 11	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman Tina Fey; Chris "Mad Dog" Russo; Mika. (N)	(:37) The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Kristen Bell; Robert Carlyle. (N)		(2) (:37) Extra (7) (:37) The Dr. Oz Show (10) (:37) Paid Programming	(2) (:07) Slim Down Secrets (10) (:07) Paid Programming	(2) (:37) Paid Programming (7) (10) (:37) Up to the Minute (N)
ABC	(4) Action News at 6 (23) Deal No Deal (N)	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition Storm chaser. (23) Jeopardy!	(4) Entertainment Tonight (23) Wheel of Fortune	Hank Hank takes a job working at the mall. (N)	The Middle Anniversary plans are thwarted. (N)	Modern Family "The Incident" (N)	Cougar Town Jules goes on a mission. (N)	(:01) Eastwick With urging from Darryl, Roxie decides to learn more about her new neighbor. (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (23) News	(:35) Nightline (N)	(12:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Jamie Foxx. (N) (DVS)		(4) (:36) Oprah Winfrey (23) (:06) Paid Programming	(23) (:37) Paid Programming	(4) (:06) Paid Programming (23) (:07) Jerry Springer (N)	(4) (:36) Channel 4 Action News at 11
NBC	(6) WJAC-TV News at 6 PM (N) (9) News (N) (11) Channel 11 News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight (N) (9) (11) Jeopardy! (N)	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N) (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune	Mercy "Pulling the Goalie" Veronica must decide if her affair with Dr. Sands is really over. (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Hammered" Man wakes up with a head injury and a dead woman in his bed. (N)		The Jay Leno Show Mikey Day; Bill Cosby. (N)		(6) WJAC-TV News (9) News (11) News	(:35) The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien Serena Williams; Ken Jeong. (N)		(:37) Late Night With Jimmy Fallon Monty Python. (N)		(:36) Last Call With Carson Daly Charlie Hunnam. (N)	(:05) Poker After Dark Brad Booth; Allen Cunningham; David Benyamine; John Juanda; John Phan; Ivan Demidov.	
FOX	(8) Seinfeld (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) The Simpsons (53) My Name Is Earl	(8) That '70s Show (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) My Name Is Earl (53) Seinfeld	So You Think You Can Dance Las Vegas call-backs. (N)		Glee "Throwdown" Sue tries to cause dissension within the glee club; shocking news is revealed. (N)		(8) News (53) Channel 11 News	(8) (:35) My Name is Earl Randy takes care of Earl.	(8) (:05) Everybody Loves Raymond (53) Seinfeld	(8) (:35) Seinfeld (53) My Name Is Earl	(8) Star Trek: The Next Generation (53) Frasier	(53) Paid Program	(8) (:05) Paid Program (53) Paid Program	(8) (:35) Paid Program (53) Paid Program	(8) (:05) Paid Program (53) George Lopez	(8) Paid Prog. (53) House of Payne
	(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Nightly Business Report	OnQ	American Masters The life and career of singer/songwriter Joan Baez. (N)			The Queen Family	Art in the Twenty-First Century "Fantasy" (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		OnQ	Smart Travels: Europe	American Masters The life and career of singer/songwriter Joan Baez.			The Queen Family.
	(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)	The Office "The Carpet"	The Office	America's Next Top Model "Petite Ninja Warriors". (N)		Melrose Place "Shoreline"		10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Cal!	Everybody-Raymond	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	King of the Hill	South Park	Mike Tomlin Show	Paid Program	Roseanne
	(22) WPMY	Simpsons	Family Guy	Simpsons	Family Guy	The Unit		The Unit "Security"	Law & Order: SVU		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Net Millions	Look Thin	Bernie Mac	My Wife	Half & Half	Half & Half
	(40) WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4 "God at Work"		Stonewall Jackson Story		Dawn Hall	With Arlene	Quick Study	Nwswtch	The Place for Miracles		Theater	Focus 4		Gospel	Tripp
	(59) WBGN	PunK'd	Sports Talk	Sports Talk		The FBI Files		Laguna RENO 911!	The FBI Files		Cheaters	Laguna	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
A&E	CSI: Miami "Speed Kills"		Criminal Minds		Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Manhunters	Manhunters	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog
ABCFAM	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	'70s Show	'70s Show	★★ "Nanny McPhee" (2005) Emma Thompson.				Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Thinner	Get Ripped	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
AMC	(3:30) ★★ "Wyatt Earp" (1994) Kevin Costner.				★★★ "Lethal Weapon 3" (1992) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover.						★★ "Starsky & Hutch" (2004) Ben Stiller.				★★★ "Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang" (2005) Val Kilmer			48 HRS.
ANPL	Untamed and Uncut		River Monsters "Piranha"		Animal Nightmares		Crocodile Feeding Frenzy		River Monsters		Animal Nightmares		Crocodile Feeding Frenzy		River Monsters		River Monsters "Piranha"	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen		BBC World News America		Ramsay's Kitchen		Mary, Queen of Shops (N)		BBC World News America		Ramsay's Kitchen		Mary, Queen of Shops		Ramsay's Kitchen		Mary, Queen of Shops	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Top 10 countdown. (Live)				★★★ "New Jack City" (1991) Wesley Snipes.				First In (N)	First In	The Mo'Nique Show (N)		The Wendy Williams Show		★★★ "New Jack City" (1991) Wesley Snipes.			
BRAVO	Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas (N)		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Million Dollar Listing		Top Chef: Las Vegas	
CMT	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Tom Family"				Smarter	Smarter	★★★ "The Longest Yard" (1974) Burt Reynolds.				Smarter	Smarter	★★★ "The Longest Yard" (1974) Burt Reynolds.				Dallas Cheerleaders	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow Report		Biography on CNBC		American Greed		American Greed		Mad Money		Biography on CNBC		American Greed		Foreclosure	Paid Prog.
CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	Fifty Pills	RENO 911!	Daily Show	Colbert	Scrubs	Scrubs	Nick Swardson		South Park	Girlfriend	Daily Show	Colbert	South Park	Girlfriend	Futurama	Daily Show	Colbert	Swardson
CSPAN	(5:00) House of Representatives				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters (N)		Time Warp Roller coasters.		MythBusters		MythBusters		Time Warp Roller coasters.		Cash Cab	Cash Cab
DISNEY	Phineas-Ferb	Phineas-Ferb	Wizards	Montana	"Now You See It..." (2005)			Phineas-Ferb	Phineas-Ferb	Montana	Wizards	That's Raven	Life Derek	Cory	Replace	Kim Possible	Emperor	Dragon
E!	Take Mlami	Take Mlami	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Girls	★★★ "Knocked Up" (2007) Seth Rogen, Katherine Heigl, Paul Rudd.					Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Lamas	Girls	True Hollywood Story		Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)		Baseball	Football Live	College Football Boise State at Tulsa. (Live)						SportsCenter (Live)		Baseball	NFL Live (N)	SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)	
ESPNC	College Football		Can't Blame	Can't Blame	Boxing		Boxing: Bailey vs. Smith		Boxing		AWA Wrestling		American Gladiators		Boxing		Joe Louis' Greatest Hits	
ESPN2	Hendrick	Interruption	Football Live	Soccer 2010 World Cup Qualifier -- United States vs. Costa Rica. (Live)					MLS Soccer Red Bull New York at Real Salt Lake. (Live)					SportsNation		NASCAR	NHRA Drag Racing	
EWTN	Catholic	Aurieville	Daily Mass: Our Lady		EWTN Live		Super Saints	Holy Rosary	White dove of Peace		Faith-Culture	Heritage	Daily Mass: Our Lady		EWTN Live		Letter-Spirit	Marriage
FNC	Special Report		FOX Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		Glenn Beck	
FOOD	Cooking	Minute	Challenge		Good Eats		Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Dinner: Impossible (N)		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Dinner: Impossible		Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Penguins Faceoff (Live)		NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Carolina Hurricanes. (Live)					Penguins	In My Words	Final Score	NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Carolina Hurricanes.				Final Score	Hooters Dream Girl		Final Score
FX	(5:30) ★★★ "Hellboy" (2004) Ron Perlman, John Hurt.				★★ "Premonition" (2007) Sandra Bullock. Premiere.				Nip/Tuck "Don Hoberman"		Nip/Tuck "Don Hoberman"		★ "Primeval" (2007) Dominic Purcell, Orlando Jones.				Paid Prog.	Foreclosure
GOLF	Golf Central	Top 10	The Golf Fix	Quest-Card	Destination	Top 10	Big Break Disney Golf		U.S. Open Golf Highlights		Destination	Golf Central	Big Break Disney Golf		U.S. Open Golf Highlights		Destination	Quest-Card
GSN	Newlywed	Catch 21	Deal or No Deal		Family Feud	Family Feud	Newlywed	Catch 21	Millionaire	Lingo	Deal or No Deal		Be a Millionaire		Jeopardy!	Hollywood	Pyramid	Pyramid
HALL	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	Touched by an Angel		Touched by an Angel		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Cheers	Cheers
HGTV	To Sell	Beyond Box	House	House	Property	Property	House	Income Prop.	House	Renovation	Haulin	First Place	House	Income Prop.	House	Renovation	Haulin	First Place
HIST	Cities of the Underworld		Modern Marvels		Investigating History		Nostradamus Effect (N)		MysteryQuest (N)		Conspiracy?		Investigating History		(:01) Nostradamus Effect		(:01) MysteryQuest	
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Medium "And Then"		★ "Georgia Rule" (2007, Drama) Jane Fonda.				Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Will & Grace	Medium		Paid Prog.
MSNBC	The Ed Show (N)		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show	
MTV	Disaster	Pozzilla (N)	Pranked	Pranked	The City	The Hills	Real World-Road Rules		Real World-Road Rules		Real World-Road Rules		Gone Too Far "Amy"		True Life		Real World-Road Rules	
NICK	iCarly	Jackson	iCarly	SpongeBob	Malcolm	Malcolm	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Hates Chris	Hates Chris
OXY	Snapped "Nikki Reynolds"		★★ "Enough" (2002, Suspense) Jennifer Lopez, Billy Campbell.						★★ "Enough" (2002, Suspense) Jennifer Lopez, Billy Campbell.				The Tyra Show		The Tyra Show		Snapped	Snapped
PCN	PCN Tours		PCN Call-In (Live)		PCN Primetime - pcntv.com				PCN Evening - pcntv.com				PCN Late Night - pcntv.com				Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Pittsburgh Now		News	Psychiatric	NightTalk		PCNC News		NightTalk		Pittsburgh	Fedko Fone	PCNC News	PCNC News		Paid Prog.	NightTalk	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		The Ultimate Fighter (N)		The Ultimate Fighter		DEA		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Star Trek: Voyager	
SYFY	Haunted "Seeking Asylum"		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters (N)		Destination Truth (N)		Ghost Hunters		Destination Truth		Highlander		The X-Files "Dubliette"	
TBS	MLB Baseball American League Division Series Game 5 -- Teams TBA. If necessary. (Live)				MLB Baseball American League Division Series Game 5 -- Teams TBA. If necessary. (Live)										★★ "Eurotrip" (2004, Comedy) Scott Mechlowicz.			
TCM	(5:30) ★★★ "Duel in the Sun" (1946) Jennifer Jones.				★★★ "The Cuckoos" (1930, Comedy) Bert Wheeler.				★ "Hook, Line and Sinker" (1930)		★★ "Caught Plastered"		(:45) ★★ "Peach o' Reno" (1931)				★ "Arsene Lupin" (1932)	
TLC	Dress	Dress	King-Crown	King-Crown	Pregnant	Pregnant	King-Crown	King-Crown	Toddlers & Tiaras (N)		King-Crown	King-Crown	Pregnant	Pregnant	Toddlers & Tiaras		King-Crown	King-Crown
TNT	NUMB3RS "Greatest Hits"		CSI: NY		CSI: NY "Boo"		CSI: NY		Leverage		Dark Blue "K-Town"		Leverage		Dark Blue "K-Town"		Cold Case	
TOON	"Scooby-Doo"		Scooby-Doo	Ed Edd	Grim Advent.	"Billy & Mandy: Wrath"		Otherstders	King of Hill	King of Hill	Family Guy	Family Guy	Chicken	Hungerforce	Stroker-Hoop	Awesome	King of Hill	King of Hill
TRAVEL	Yosemite: Amer. Treasure		Yellowstone: National Park		Ext. Alaskan		Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Ext. Alaskan		Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Man v. Food
TRUTV	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Most Daring		Most Daring (N)		Ultimate Peril "Pilot"		Forensic	Forensic	Most Daring		Most Daring		Ultimate Peril "Pilot"	
TVLAND	Little House on the Prairie		Hogan	Hogan	Hogan	Hogan	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show
USA	NCIS "Blackwater"		NCIS "Leap of Faith"		NCIS "Heartland"		NCIS "Nine Lives"		NCIS "Murder 2.0"		"Borat: Cultural Learnings of America"				(12:57) In Plain Sight		(1:59) ★★ "The Hunted"	
VH1	Real Chance of Love		2009 Hip Hop Honors				Tool Academy		Tool Academy		(:05) My Antonio		40 Hottest Hotties of the '90s		Sexiest celebrities.		Behind the Music "Pink"	
VS.	WrekCage	Sports	Sports	Sports Soup	WEC WrekCage		UFL Football Florida Tuskers at Las Vegas Locomotives. (Live)							Sports Soup	WEC WrekCage		Sports	Sports Soup
WE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ghost Whisperer		60 Minutes		60 Minutes		60 Minutes (N)		The Locator	The Locator	Adoption Diaries		John Edward		John Edward	
WGN	Becker	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		★★ "Uncle Buck" (1989, Comedy) John Candy.				WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park	Star Trek: Next Gener.		The Bob & Tom Show	
ENC	Pearl Harbor	(:35) ★★ "Look Who's Talking Too"			★★ "National Treasure: Book of Secrets" (2007)				(:05) ★★ "The Craft" (1996) Robin Tunney.				(11:50) ★★ "Pearl Harbor" (2001, War) Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett.					
HBO	(5:30) ★ "Shutter" (2008)	Tell/Anything	Where		★★★ "Wanted" (2008, Action) James McAvoy.				Bored	Curb-Enthsm	Real Time With Bill Maher		(12:15) ★★ "Get Smart" (2008) Steve Carell.				(:10) "Rocket Science"	
MAX	Shoot to Kill	(:40) ★★ "Commando" (1985)			(:15) ★★ "Someone Like You" (2001) Ashley Judd.				★★ "Eagle Eye" (2008, Action) Shia LaBeouf.				Sex Games	★★ "Commando" (1985, Action)			Life on Top	Diary Dea
SHOW	(5:50) ★★ "The Kite Runner" (2007) Khalid Abdalla.				Full Color Football History		Inside the NFL (N)		Dexter (iTV)		Inside the NFL (iTV)		Californ	★★ "Bound" (1996) Jennifer Tilly, Gina Gershon. iTV.			★ Fall iTV.	
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FEATURES

Monessen will crown a homecoming king and queen Friday before the Greyhounds' game with Jefferson-Morgan. The court comprises, back, from left, Trenton Hardison, Matthew Metzger, Steven Jarabeck, Richard Wall, SheIDon Miller and Devin Davis; and front, Kayli Troilo, Jaclyn Sedlak, Courtnee Heath, Shaniqua Hall, Lacy Matush and Unique Howell.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Mon Valley Slovak Cultural Society

The Mon Valley Slovak Cultural Society met in September at Hoss's Steak and Sea House, Rostraver Township.

President John Dudas welcomed the members to the annual dinner meeting.

Secretary Barbara Felak read prior meeting minutes, Rose Mary Betza, treasurer's report. Both were accepted.

Mary Ralston said a firefighter will speak at the next meeting. Ralston presented a financial report on the summer picnic, for which she served as chairman.

Sunshine Lady Mary Smith said she sent a get-well card to Virginia Yuschak, thinking-of-you cards to Antoinette Magone and Al Benyak, and a sympathy card to the Albert "Sonny" Pipik family.

The group will nominate officers for the next two years during the Oct. 26 meeting. After the meeting was adjourned, Mike Martin provided an invocation before dinner.

Helen Estok won half-the-take.

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CALENDAR WATCH

Thursday

■ Italian American Heritage Society of Monessen 15th anniversary celebration and meeting, Epiphany Chapel, Monessen, 7:30 p.m.

■ Charleroi Lions Club meeting, JEM Lounge, Fallowfield Township, 6:30 p.m.

■ Autism Support Group meeting, Family Behavioral Resources, 90 W. Chestnut St., Suite 110LL, Washington, 6 to 8 p.m.

■ Annita Garibaldi Society meeting, Belle Vernon, 7:30 p.m.

■ Mon Valley Sewage Authority meeting, MIDA Industrial Park, Donora, 7 p.m.

■ Work Together Monessen meeting, Dudas Building, 6 p.m.

■ Monessen Amateur Radio Club meeting, Mon Valley Community Health Center, 7:30 p.m.

■ Tri County Borough Association meeting, West Brownsville Volunteer Fire Department Hall, 238 Middle St., 7 p.m.

■ Home school outdoor classroom, Mingo Creek County Park, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.

■ Take my Hand Bereavement Support Group meeting, Monongahela Area Library, 813 West Main St., 10:30 a.m.

■ Bridge of Hope Nar-Anon meeting, Fayette County Health Center, 100 New Salem Road, Uniontown, 7 p.m.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meeting, Mon Valley Community Health Center, Monessen, 7:30 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Monongahela library friends set meeting

The Friends of the Monongahela Area Library will meet 6 p.m. Thursday in the activity room to plan a November vendor show. New members are welcome. For information, call (724) 258-5409.

Monongahela Veterans Council plans meeting

The Monongahela Veterans Council will meet 7 p.m. Thursday to plan the Veterans Day ceremony in Monongahela.

Rostraver Lions plan year-end barbecue

The Rostraver Township Lions Club will hold its final chicken barbecue and bake sale of the year 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rostraver Shopping Center on Route 201. Dinners comprise half chicken, baked beans, dinner roll and beverage. Proceeds benefit blind, deaf and physically challenged people and community projects.

Ravioli dinner planned Sunday

American Legion Post 212, Donora, will sponsor a ravioli dinner 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For takeouts, call (724) 379-9982.

Spaghetti dinner set

St. Paul Anglican Church, 130 W. Main St., Monongahela, will sponsor a spaghetti dinner noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For takeouts, call (724) 258-7792.

Support group plans meeting

The Take my Hand Bereavement Support Group of Albert Gallatin Home Care and Hospice will meet 7 p.m. Monday at the First Presbyterian Church, 609 Chess St., Monongahela. For information, contact Maureen Lusk at (724) 258-8855 or Pam Ridge at (724) 483-4109.

Senior driving programs set

Seniors for Safe Driving will conduct highway safety education programs for people 55 and older at the Monessen Senior Center 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, including lunch, and 5 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 27 and 28. The programs are certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. For information, visit www.seniorsforsafedriving.com or call 1 (800) 559-4880.

Bridging the Gap set in Monessen

Mon Valley Initiative will sponsor a Bridging the Gap; Moving Beyond Your Criminal Record 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Westmoreland Community Action office, 422 Sixth St., Monessen. Participants will receive tips on overcoming barriers to employment related to criminal records and learn how to check for rap sheet errors and apply for expungements. Information will be provided on employer incentives and child support payment issues. To register, call (724) 379-4750, ext. 127.

Smog group plans symposium

The Donora Smog Commemorative Committee will conduct its second annual Scientific Symposium 1 p.m. Friday in the Donora Elementary Center auditorium.

The theme will be "Air Pollution and Chronic Diseases."

Dr. Devra Davis and Dr. Min Li will be the keynote speakers.

Davis, a Donora native, recently retired as director of environmental oncology at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

She still serves as a professor in the Pitt Graduate School of Public Health.

Davis' book, "And The Smoke Ran Like Water," was a 2002 National Book Award finalist.

She also authored "The Secret History of The War on Cancer." She has lectured throughout the world on topics related to air pollution.

Li received a bachelor's degree at Hebei (China) University and a master's degree at Tianjin (China) University. She holds a doctorate from Drexel University.

Li has conducted extensive research on air pollution. She is a professor of environmental chemistry at California University of Pennsylvania.

Admission is free.

REUNIONS

Bucci clan gathers in New York

The semi-annual Bucci family reunion took place July 25 in Casey Park, Ontario, N.Y. The event is for descendants of the late Joseph and Vincenza Bucci, of Monessen.

Hosts for the rodeo-themed event were area cousins: Andrew Bucci, of Rochester, N.Y.; Debbie Bialas, of Honeoye, N.Y.; Maria Jenkins, of Canandaigua, Joanna Johnson, Tammy Hegedorn, of Ontario; and Kyle Hegedorn, of Webster, and their spouses.

The event drew 73 people from Belle Vernon, Monessen, Washington, Pittsburgh and East Stroudsburg, Pa.; Baltimore, Md.; Falls Church, Va.; Maplewood, Mo.; and Ontario, Canandaigua, Elmira, Rochester, and Webster, N.Y.

The event included treasure hunt, sack races, balloon toss, can-jam and a silent auction. Aaron Johnson, of Ontario, provided a hayride.

Michael Bucci Sr., of Belle Vernon; Helen and Michael Bucci Jr., of Pittsburgh; and Cindy and Tom Gregg, Belle Vernon, will host the 2011 reunion in the Pittsburgh area.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: D equals C

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "When men reach their sixties and retire, they go to pieces. Women go right on cooking." - Gail Sheehy

WHITE HOUSE NEWS

President relies on a few familiar phrases

"Let me be clear" goes everywhere the president goes.

By BEN FELLER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — For all his flourish, President Barack Obama sure falls back on a few familiar phrases.

Make no mistake. Change isn't easy. It won't happen overnight. There will be setbacks and false starts.

Those who routinely listen to the president have come to expect some of those expressions to pop up in almost every speech. (That includes you, cynics and naysayers, the ones Obama mentions all the time without identifying who is saying nay.)

Yet in the portfolio of presidential phrases, none is more pervasive than Obama's four-word favorite: Let me be clear.

It is his emphatic windup for, well, everything.

"Let me be clear," he said in describing his surprise at winning the Nobel Peace Prize. "I do not view it as a recognition of my own accomplishments, but rather as an affirmation of American leadership on behalf of aspirations held by people in all nations."

"Let me be clear," he said in one of his dozens of pitches for a health insurance overhaul. "If you like your doctor or health care provider, you can keep them."

Presidents talk so much in public that is not surprising to find rhetorical patterns. Although Obama is known for a flair with the written and spoken word, his hardest mission is often to make complicated matters relevant to the masses.

So clarity, it seems, is of the highest order.

Terrorists? "Now let me be clear: We are indeed at war with al-Qaida and its affiliates."

Student testing? "Let me be clear: Success should be judged by results, and data is a powerful tool to determine results."

Iran? "Let me be clear: Iran's nuclear and ballistic missile activity poses a real threat, not just to the United States, but to Iran's neighbors and our allies."

Auto bailouts? "Let me be clear: The United States government has no interest in running GM."

The president takes the phrase everywhere.

In Moscow: "Let me be clear: America wants a strong, peaceful, and prosperous Russia."

In Ghana: "Let me be clear: Africa is not the crude caricature of a continent at perpetual war."

In Italy, bemoaning poor U.S. leadership on climate change: "Let me be clear: Those days are over."

In Trinidad, announcing new aid: "Let me be clear: This is not charity."

Obama has used the same phrase, or a variation of it, to make his point about the strategy in Iraq, the war in Afghanistan, U.S.-China relations, bipartisanship, pet legislative projects and Turkey's bid to join the European Union.

He has relied on it to look ahead ("Let me be clear: We pay for this plan," Obama says of his college initiative) and to look back ("Let me be clear: Those ideas have been tested, and they have failed" he says of economic models he dislikes.)

White House spokesman Josh Earnest says Obama's style, which he referred to as presidential throat "clearing," is purposeful.

"While some in Washington seek political advantage by hiding behind ambiguity," Earnest said, "the president regularly seeks to make it clear where he stands and what he intends to do."

Perhaps the nation should have seen this coming. Candidate Obama set the tone.

"Let me be clear: It's outrageous that we find ourselves in a position where taxpayers must bear the burden for the greed and irresponsibility of Wall Street and Washington," Obama said in September 2008.

There must be something catchy to all this. The people around Obama are just as insistent.

Here's Vice President Joe Biden, assuring members of Georgia's Parliament that U.S. efforts to reset relations with Russia wouldn't come at their expense: "Let me be clear: They have not, they will not, and they cannot."

And senior adviser David Axelrod, on missed legislative deadlines on health care: "Let me be clear. We're less interested in hard deadlines than in moving the process forward."

Lest anyone get too serious about this, Obama has lightened the mood with the phrase, too. He made state lawmakers laugh when he said the massive taxpayer-financed stimulus plan wouldn't be spent on frivolous projects such as dog parks.

"Now, let me be clear," Obama said in March, before Bo the dog arrived. "I don't have anything against dog parks."

Clearly.

Asociated Press

President Barack Obama speaks at the AFL-CIO Labor Day picnic at Coney Island in Cincinnati on Sept. 7. In the portfolio of presidential phrases, none is more pervasive than Obama's four-word favorite: Let me be clear. In Cincinnati he said, "I've also said that one of the options in this exchange should be a public option. Now, let me be clear. Let me be clear, because there's been a lot of misinformation out here about this. This would just be an option. Nobody would be forced to choose it."

Obama has become face of government

By LIZ SIDOTI
AP National Political Writer

An AP analysis

WASHINGTON — The 44th president was sworn in and barely took a breath. Within days — hours, really — he set to tackling a bruising recession that he inherited and an enormous policy agenda that he didn't.

Ever the multitasker, armed with his trademark charisma and eloquence, Barack Obama was everywhere, pitching his plans. Automotive and financial bailouts. A $787 billion plan to stimulate the economy. An energy policy to regulate industry emissions. Health care overhaul. Private sector. Public sector.

He wasn't just the man of the hour. On TV he seemed to be the man of every hour. And he wasn't just the country's new chief executive. He was becoming something else as well: chief spokesman for government itself — and at a precarious time in the relationship between Americans and the federal system that oversees them.

As the line between the public and private sectors blurs ever more, people are losing confidence in each. They are wary of more federal involvement in their lives. They are angry about mounting national debt and exploding federal deficits.

"The government is everywhere, and nothing's getting better," says 28-year-old Andrew Measel, of Pittsburgh. "That's why people don't have any faith — they shouldn't."

Beyond the debate over the size of government is this less defined question whose answer could influence the outcome of Obama's presidency: As he sells his administration's solutions to the country's problems, is his do-everything, be-everywhere leadership style in tune with the times?

This is a guy who wears his Blackberry everywhere and who relishes hearty back-and-forth over the different solutions to a problem. He moved into the White House when urgent problems in war and recession required strong action.

He wants to get as much done as possible, and he expresses confidence that people will grasp what he's trying to do if he uses simple language to explain complex problems.

Obama has been a constant presence in the mass media as he expands the bureaucracy's reach into the private sector while presiding over national debates on issues that have become the focus of arguments over big government.

In doing so, he has created a quandary. Put aside for a moment the question of whether government is actually intruding into people's lives more than before. The point is that many people feel like it is — in part because Obama doesn't stop talking about his goals. If President George W. Bush got slapped around for being inarticulate, is Obama obnoxiously articulate?

"Obama's omnipresence refracts as big government to some degree," says Eric Dezenhall, an image consultant who has worked with celebrities and business leaders. "For those who like him, it reinforces their support for him. But for others, every time he appears, he conjures up the whole whiff of overreaching government and causes resentment."

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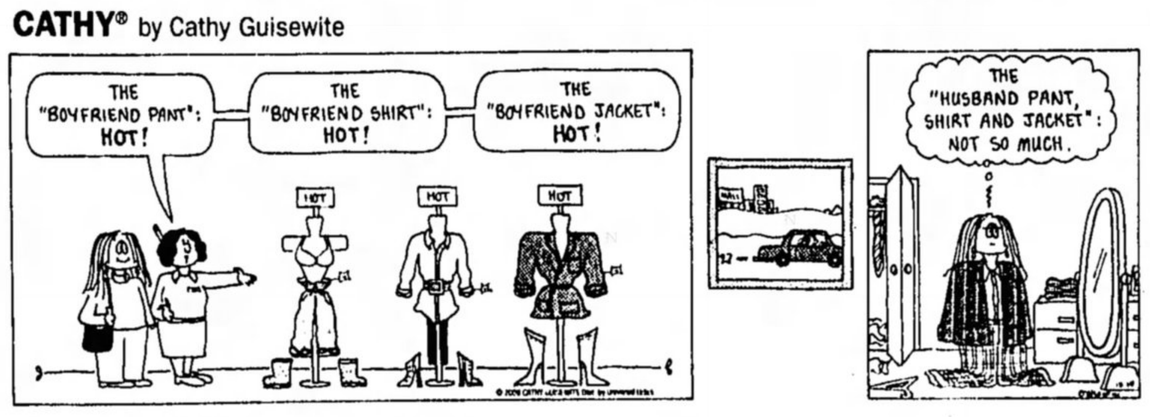

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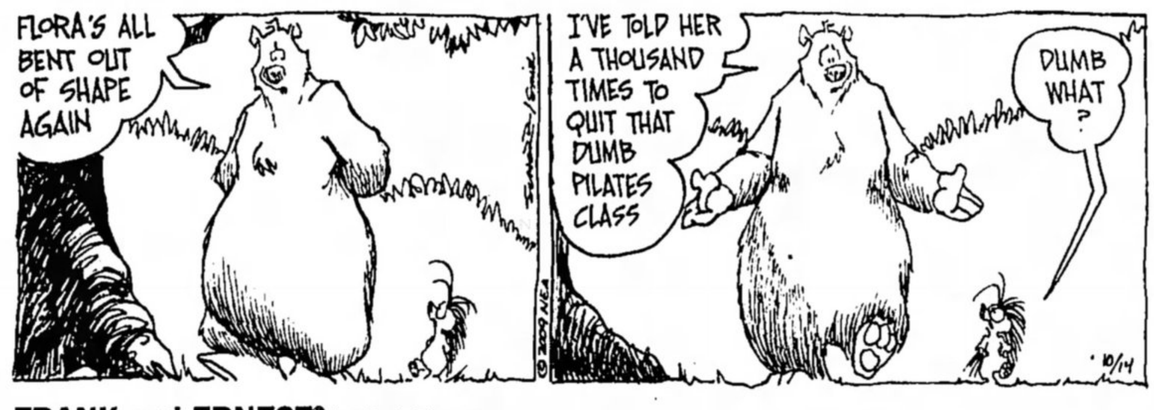

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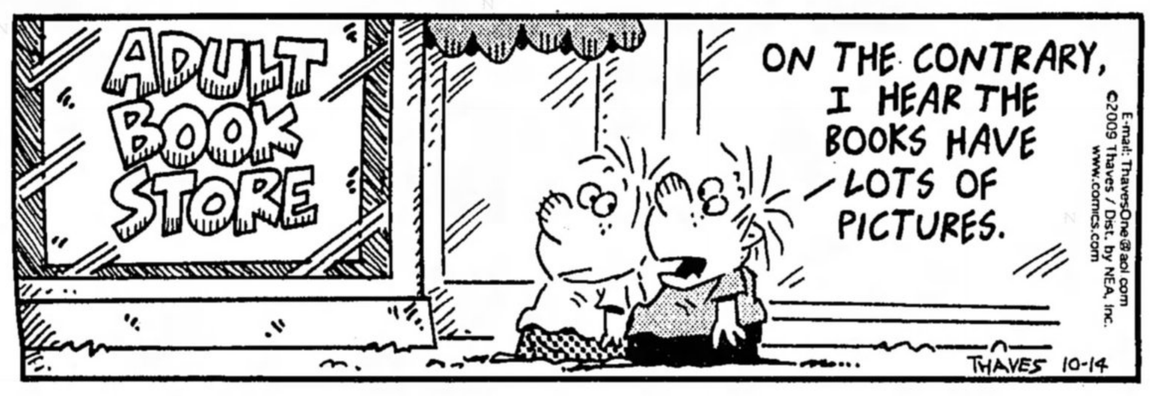

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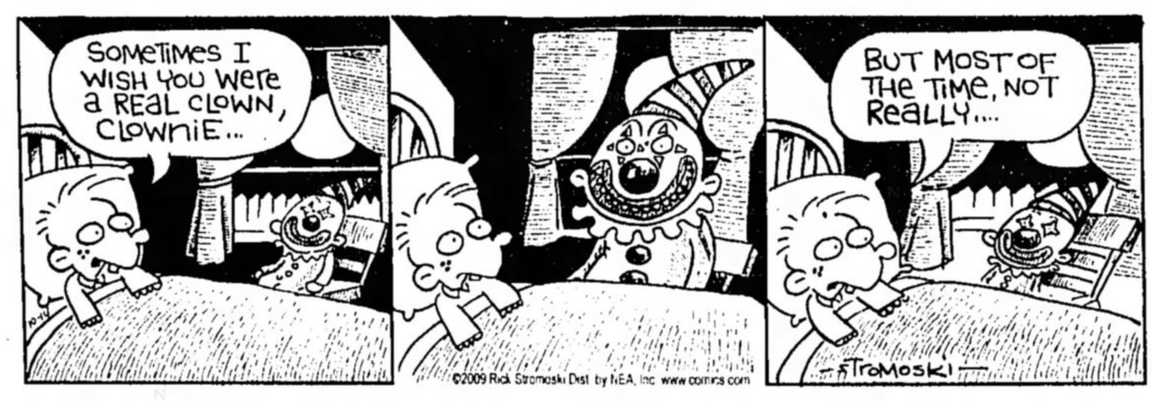

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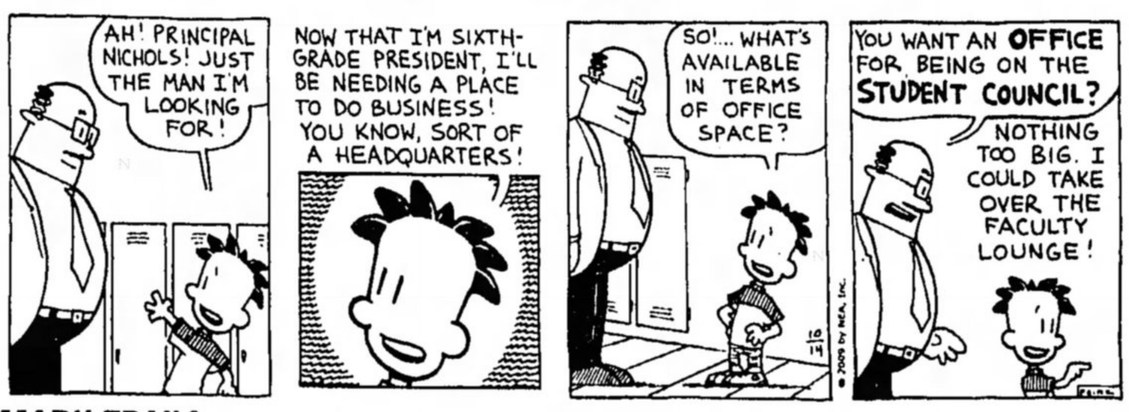
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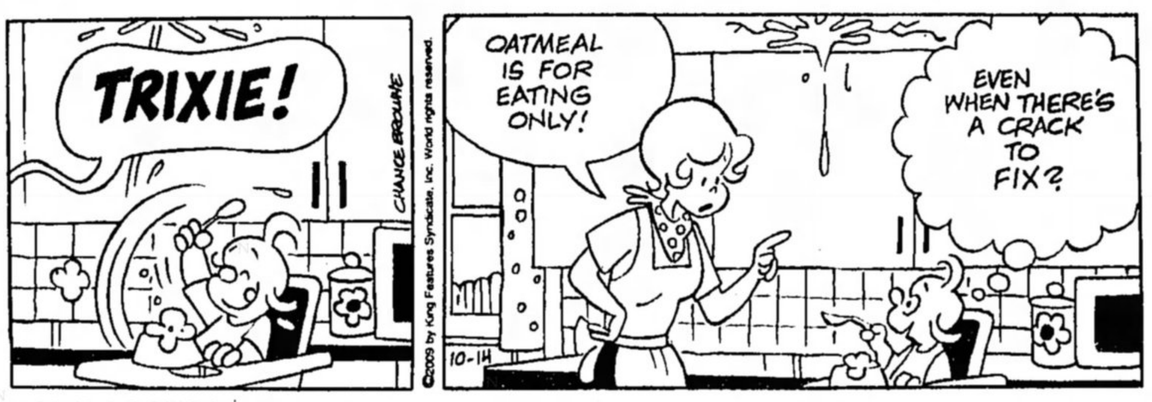

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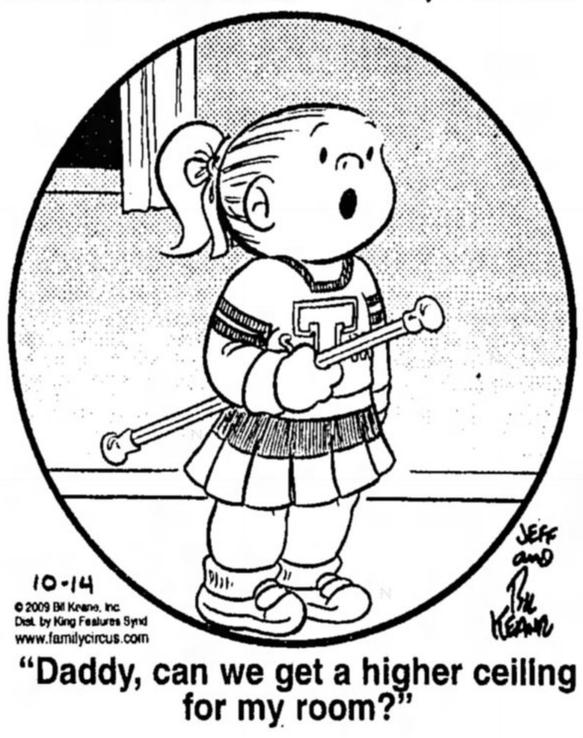

"Daddy, can we get a higher ceiling for my room?"

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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1 Schleps
5 Like an aristocrat
10 Prohibited emphatically
12 Wild West shows
13 Temp's employer
14 Goings-on
15 Proboscis
16 Ocean dweller
18 Ave. crossers
19 Bah!
21 — Centauri
25 Added cinnamon
29 Robber at sea
31 Fast-talked
33 Lurched
34 Time of the mammals
35 Porous object
37 Leif's language
38 Glittering adornment
40 Pooch
43 Riviera summer
44 "Tomb Raider" heroine
48 Monastery dwellers
50 Kind of network
52 Candidate list
53 Pieces of land
54 Peer Gynt creator
55 Crafty strategem

DOWN

1 Toy-block brand
2 Versatile vehicles
3 Auctioneer's cry
4 Min. fraction
5 Autumn mo.
6 Lyric poems
7 Leaning to the side
8 Large quantities
9 Doubly-curved letter
10 FedEx truck
11 Colors
12 Backslide
17 Querying sounds
19 Inventor's quest
20 A Ryder
21 Showery mo.
22 Is prone
23 Boarding school
24 Luminous circle
26 Chanel's nickname
27 Still-life subject
28 Lairs
30 Most tense
32 Kiki or Joey
36 Pig out
39 Find a tenant
40 Dreary
41 Rembrandt paintings
42 Squall
44 Pol party
45 Rocket trajectories
46 Assign a status
47 Unser and Gore
48 Hoover's org.
49 Perlman or Howard
51 Slip up

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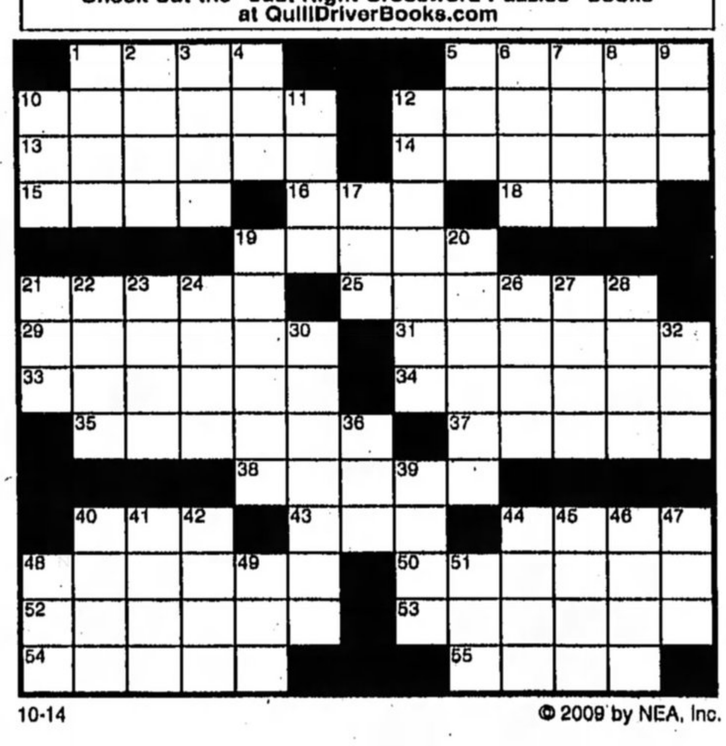

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ROBERTS AUTO BODY

The Roberts family is preparing to move its operations from Monongahela to the former Sedney Olds site along Route 88 in Carroll Township. From left are Neil, Fran, Mark and Diane Roberts.

Jim Ference/ The Valley Independent

Steelworker's hobby became career

Fran and Diane Roberts have welcomed their sons into the business.

By CHRIS BUCKLEY
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Fran Roberts began working on cars as a teen.

He still owns the 1969 Camaro he once raced.

His love of cars eventually developed into a successful business that has flourished for more than three decades.

"It was a hobby and it escalated from that," Fran Roberts said.

Roberts was a steelworker in the Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Allenport Plant when he began Roberts Auto Body out of his Fayette City home in 1976.

He bought the Fayette City location at 1521 Fayette Ave. in December 1981, months before being laid off in the mill.

The Fayette City site had been the former Ward and Van Dodge garage, which first opened in the 1950s.

Roberts opened the second location at 243 East Main St. in Monongahela Sept. 1, 2000. It was the site of the former Eddie Gibson shop.

Valley Survivors

This weekly feature honors a "Valley Survivor" — one of the many Mid-Mon Valley businesses, organizations and institutions that began when the local economy was booming, survived the financial havoc created by the decline of the domestic steel industry and remain viable today.

Fran Roberts said his friend, Gibson, was looking to retire at the same time Roberts was looking to expand into the Monongahela area.

The Monongahela location came with a familiar, albeit furry, face. Bubba, a mechanical gorilla, was displayed in the window of the Gibson shop for years before Roberts moved in.

"I told Eddie the only way I would buy the business was if Bubba came with it," Diane Roberts, co-owner of the business, said with a laugh.

Bubba was first used to direct customers to the Dairy Queen on Large Hill that is now Francesco's restaurant.

The Roberts' two sons, Neil and Mark, joined them in the business. As boys, they started working in the office and washing cars.

"I never had a job outside of coming here," Mark Roberts said.

He now does most of the towing and is an appraiser.

Mark Roberts will be the manager when the company moves its operations from Monongahela to the former Sedney Olds site along Route 88 in Carroll Township.

Roberts Auto Body is like a family, Diane Roberts said. She noted that some of the employees have been with Roberts Auto for many years.

For example, Georgia Mattay, the office manager at Fayette City, has worked there for 24 years, and Bob Hornack has done body work and painting for close to 20 years.

Diane Roberts, who sometimes cooks for the employees, made building a lunch room for the employees a first priority when they moved into the Monongahela site.

She said the Fayette City location "looks like a doctor's office" with ceramic tile in the waiting room. There is also a full kitchen/lunch room for the employees.

With two locations about 10 miles apart in differing counties, Roberts Auto Body can service four counties: Washington, Fayette, Westmoreland and Allegheny.

"We can give customers their choice of which of the locations is more convenient," Fran Roberts said.

Roberts Auto is a certified appraisal location for the state of Pennsylvania and a NAPA car care collision center.

Roberts Auto Body offers direct repair from many of the major insurances. A customer can obtain an estimate and Roberts personnel will deal directly with most insurance company.

The Fayette City location is the first business in Fayette County to become green certified for using waterborne paints. When the company moves its operations from Monongahela to the site in Carroll Township and that site is fully operational, it too will go green.

The Monongahela site does collision work. Full-service mechanical work as well as collision is offered at the Fayette City business.

By August 2010, Roberts Auto Body will offer full-service mechanical work as well as collision at the Carroll Township site.

Diane Roberts said the business has been successful because it strives to satisfy the customer.

"We're like an emergency room — the place you don't want to be, but when you come to see us, you're glad you did," Diane Roberts said.

Fran Roberts had a simple answer for their success — "just hard work."

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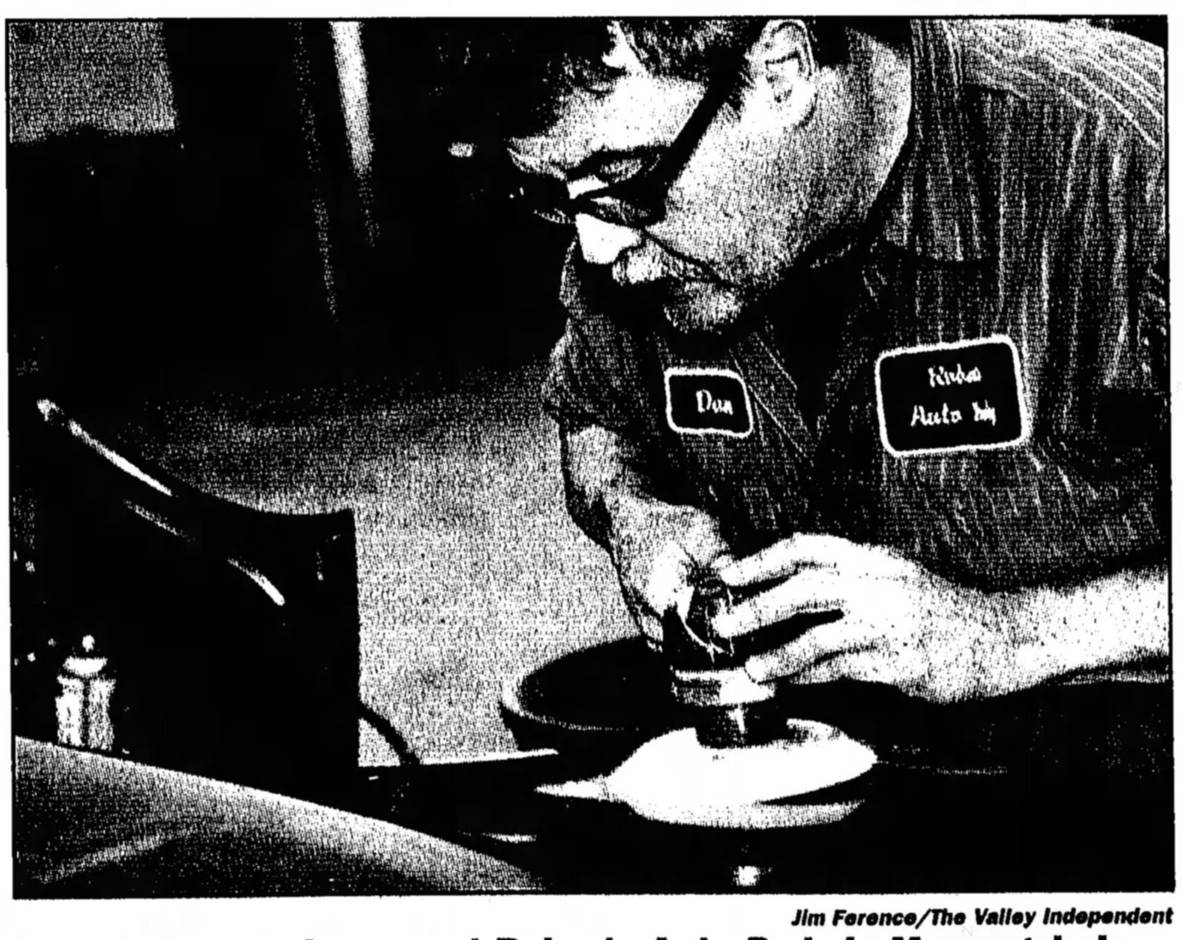
Joanne Kushnar, a secretary at the Monongahela location of Roberts Auto Body, shows some paperwork to Fran and Diane Roberts.



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Dave Kutcy sands a car at Roberts Auto Body in Monongahela.

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Diane Roberts adjusts a Terrible Towel around Bubba, a mechanical gorilla who came with the Roberts Auto Body site in Monongahela.

Roberts Auto Body on the move

Business will shift Monongahela operation to former Sedney site.

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The former Sedney Olds site along Route 88 in Craven Hill — vacant since August when the dealership closed — will soon be occupied by a familiar, long-time successful company.

Roberts Auto Body will soon move its Monongahela operations, located at 243 East Main St. since the fall of 2000, to the roughly 2-acre site in Carroll Township.

The company's Fayette City site, located at 1521 Fayette Ave. since 1981, will remain.

Within a month, Roberts Auto Body will begin offering mechanical service such as state inspections and alignments at the Carroll Township site.

"We're excited about wish it," said Diane Roberts, who co-owns the business with her husband, Fran. "I wish we could move in tomorrow."

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Fran Roberts looks over the new location for Roberts Auto Body in Carroll Township. The auto body shop will be moving into the building that formerly housed Sedney Olds.

Roberts said the company is making the move to expand its business and provide more mechanical services. Unlike at Fayette City, the Monongahela location offers strictly collision repairs.

Roberts Auto Body will employ former Sedney mechanic Keith Jacobs.

By the summer of 2010, collision repair service will also be offered at the Carroll Township site. The Monongahela site will continue to offer collision service through August, when the move is completed.

Vehicle rentals are also coming to the new site. Truck rentals from a national company will be offered at Roberts' Carroll Township site by year's end with all vehicle rentals in 2010.

It will be state of the art. Like the Fayette City location, the Carroll Township site will be a green certified to use waterborne paints.

The Roberts family plan to renovate the showroom and garage in the 8,000 square-foot building. It will initially open with two bays.

"You wouldn't believe the number of people who have stopped by to say, 'That is really great that you were able to get that building," said Neil Roberts, son of the owners and a longtime employee. "We're glad the place will not remain vacant."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Lunch and Learn focuses on hiring

A discussion on the value of the employment screening process will be presented by Staff Masters, 11:45 am to 1 p.m. Oct. 22 at the Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services Conference Room 300 Chamber Plaza, Conference Room A.

The event is sponsored by the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce.

A bag lunch and a complimentary insulated lunch bag will be provided compliments of Staff Masters.

There will be no charge for chamber members. The charge for non-members is $5. Call the chamber or print out a registration form at www.mvrchamber.org.

Time management workshop Oct. 28-29

A workshop on time management will be presented by Ken Sevick of ActionCoach Business Coaching.

The two-day workshop will be held 7:30 to 9 a.m. Oct. 28-29 in the Mon Valley Career and Technology Center, Guttman Boulevard in the Greater Charleroi Industrial Development Park in Speers.

The event is sponsored by the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce. The cost will be $49 for both days.

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Local Credit Union to Host International Credit Union Day!

Valley 1st Community Federal Credit Union located in Monessen and Rostraver Plaza (inside Walmart) is hosting International Credit Union Day. Thursday, October 15th, both Credit Union offices will host a variety of events including an employee appreciation day and member appreciation day. Special promotions, prizes, employee and member give-a-ways and much more are scheduled. "We hope to show our membership and employees just how appreciated they really are," says CEO Jim Ritter. "Our day will be all inclusive for both groups, allowing us to thank them for 75 loyal years of business."

Valley 1st strives to provide quality services to our membership area. We offer a variety of low-rated loans & mortgages, fee-free checking, IRAs, CDs, credit cards and more. Stop by this Thursday to check out our special events!

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Gary **BOATMAN**

Life insurance is an important financial planning tool that is often not used properly. It has been estimated that 82 percent of Americans are underinsured.

People's ability to earn money to support their families is an important financial responsibility. Someone with young children may want to assure financial support if they meet an untimely demise. The cost of raising a child has been estimated at well over $100,000 per child. Life insurance may also be able to provide money for a college education.

If one spouse has a much larger income than the other, life insurance may provide a means to maintain a spouse's standard of living or pay off a mortgage. Sometimes, life insurance is used in a pension-max plan to increase retirement income. Some people use life insurance as a savings vehicle because of its tax-deferred capital buildup.

While this works in some cases, a careful evaluation must be conducted to see if there are better options.

Life insurance can be very valuable in business situations to fund a buyout agreement or provide key employee coverage. Some people get group term coverage as an employee benefit. Remember that this coverage cannot always be retained if you change jobs.

Life insurance might also be useful if you wanted to leave money to an organization such as a charity or library.

A frightening statistic was recently released by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. It reported that 62 percent of people who own life insurance do not really know what they own or why they bought it. Sometimes an original need may have passed (such paying off a mortgage.)

This would require an assessment to determine if there is another need or if the policy should be surrendered. Part of this assessment will depend on what type of policy you own. Permanent life insurance will have some cash value that may be recovered. Term policies are less expensive, but do not build cash value.

Sometimes a policy may have value in a secondary market. This is when someone else buys your policy and continues to make premium payments. They then collect the benefit at your death. These investors may be willing to pay more than you can get from the insurance company depending on your age and health conditions.

You should not ever participate in stranger-owned policies that are taken out with that intention. This is when someone entices you to take out a policy with the intention of buying it from you in two years after the contestability period.

State insurance commissioners are looking hard at this practice. This is not the same as selling a policy that you took out for a legitimate purpose and no longer need.

Many people today are paying more than necessary for their life insurance. This is because life expectancy rates have changed and a policy costs less today. Sometimes the amount of additional coverage that can be purchased for the same premium dollars is substantial.

It is a good idea to get a policy review by a qualified planner. This is especially important if you have an older universal life or variable life policy. Your may not have the coverage that you think that you do.

Never cancel a needed policy before its replacement is issued, to be sure that you are still insurable. Also remember, the new policy will restart your two-year contestability period.

If there is a financial subject that you would like to see covered in this column, please e-mail your ideas to gwb.financial@comcast.net.

Gary Boatman, a local businessman who serves as president of the Greater Monessen Chamber of Commerce, is a certified financial planner.

Bank giving up Merrill deal documents

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Bank of America Corp., giving up a months-long fight with regulators, plans to turn over documents revealing legal advice it received on its purchase of Merrill Lynch.

In a turnabout, the bank will waive attorney-client privilege that kept it from telling regulators about recommendations it received from outside attorneys over whether to disclose details to share-holders about Merrill's mounting troubles.

On Tuesday, Bank of America spokesman Larry DiRita said, "Given the pressure in multiple inquiries to provide additional insight, we've decided to waive it in this matter to get the issue behind us."

"We've got nothing to hide and are certain we did everything proper in the context of the Merrill acquisition," he added.

Bank of America has agreed to waive its attorney-client privilege for investigations by the New York attorney general's office, the Securities and Exchange Com-mission and a congressional committee, a person familiar with the bank's agreement said.

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Nasal, Evelyn
ESTATE NOTICE

The Register of Wills has granted Letters Testamentary in the Estate of Evelyn Nasal, late of Monessen Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. All persons having claims or demands against said Estate are requested to present the same without delay. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the Executrix or her attorney.

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FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP
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Fallowfield Township will accept sealed bids in the Secretary's Office at 9 Memorial Drive, Charleroi, PA until 3:00 PM, Wednesday, October 28, 2009 for 1989 Interstate 20' Lowboy GVWR 22975 and a 1994 GMC - Sierra, standard 3 speed. Bids must be plainly marked on the outside of the envelope (Bid for Lowboy, bid for GMC). The Lowboy and the GMC may be viewed at our Township Shed, 1628 Route 481, Charleroi, PA 15022, during regular business hours 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Bids will be opened at our Regular Monthly meeting, October 28, 2009 6:00 PM.
The Municipality reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Bonnie Mraz
Secretary/Treasurer
10/8,14

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The Municipality reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Fallowfield Township
By: Bonnie Mraz
Secretary
10/8,14

Meeting Notices
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NOTICE

A Special Meeting of Monessen City Council is scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2009 at the Mon Valley Health Center, Eastgate 8, Conference Room A on the fourth floor at 9:00 A.M. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the 2010 Budget and any business that may come before Council.

Rosalie Nicksich
City Clerk
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Government Notices
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APPOINTMENT

The Borough of Charleroi is accepting applications for a Five Year Term Water Authority Appointment. Applications must be in the Borough Secretary's Office by November 4, 2009, 12:00 P.M.

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Although many exciting and unexpected developments could occur in the year ahead, take care not to let things overwhelm to the point where you can't keep up with them. Pace yourself with intelligence and purpose.

LIBRA **(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- Stand up for yourself or a stronger personality will dominate you, forcing you to do his or her bidding and engaging in all kinds of activities that won't serve your best interests.

SCORPIO **(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- If you are short of cash, it might be best not to hang out with friends who can afford to do things you can't. You'll either feel inferior or go deeper in the hole.

SAGITTARIUS **(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- Should you and your friends be at odds concerning an activity, it might be better to go your separate ways. It'll serve no purpose to join in and be miserable.

CAPRICORN **(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Establishing one set of rules for yourself and another for everyone else is why you'll have all kinds of problems getting along with others, not to mention ruining your credibility.

AQUARIUS **(Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- "What's in it for me?" should not be your primary consideration, especially if those with whom you're dealing are just as self-serving. Give a little, or all will lose out.

PISCES **(Feb. 20-March 20)** -- If you find yourself up against someone in a far stronger position that has more authority, find a way to diplomatically back off. Know when you can't win.

ARIES **(March 21-April 19)** -- That tendency to jump in headfirst without looking could be disastrous once again. Unless you stop and study the lay of the land, potential problems will plague you.

TAURUS **(April 20-May 20)** -- Don't be gullible and believe someone who hasn't dealt openly with you in the past. This leopard still has all its spots and is waiting to use you for his or her purposes.

GEMINI **(May 21-June 20)** -- Tasks performed in haste are likely to be worth little and need to be done all over again. Your objective isn't merely to give things a lick and a promise but to get things cleared up and put away.

CANCER **(June 21-July 22)** -- Ignoring the specifics could lead to headaches and problems down the line. These small details could grow in size just when you have no time to deal with them.

LEO **(July 23-Aug. 22)** -- You might not want to believe it, but a once rock-solid financial deal could start to show signs of disintegration at this time. Seek out expert advice immediately.

VIRGO **(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- It'll not only be counterproductive for you but quite annoying to others if you are too headstrong and unyielding with everyone you have dealings with. You can expect all kinds of opposition and skirmishes.

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VAN METER - Thurs., Fri. & Sat., Oct. 15th, 16th & 17th 10am-5pm. 210 Van Meter Rd. Directions: Off 51 onto 981 past Olive Branch Cemetery onto Van Meter Rd. Garage packed full, was a Collector. Dolls, Barbie & Ken, Bratz, Strawberry Shortcake, clothes & accessories, some older dolls, books, kid's tapes/movies, Steelers memorabilia, kid's new Tommy Hilfiger clothes, Spinet piano, frames, glassware, paper collectibles, wooden Deacons bench, cradle & wagon. Many boxes not even opened yet.

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2000 DODGE Dakota Sport Ext. Cab 4x4, V8, auto. $4,995.

2002 CHEVY Cavalier LS, 4 door, 4 cyl., auto. $3,995.

2001 OLDS Silhouette Van, V6, 4 door $2,795.

2000 DODGE Stratus, 4 door, V6. $2,995.

2001 CHRYSLER Voyager, V6, 4 door, 3rd row seat. 62K. $4,500.

2000 CHRYSLER Cirrus, 81K, 4 dr., 4 cyl. $3,500.

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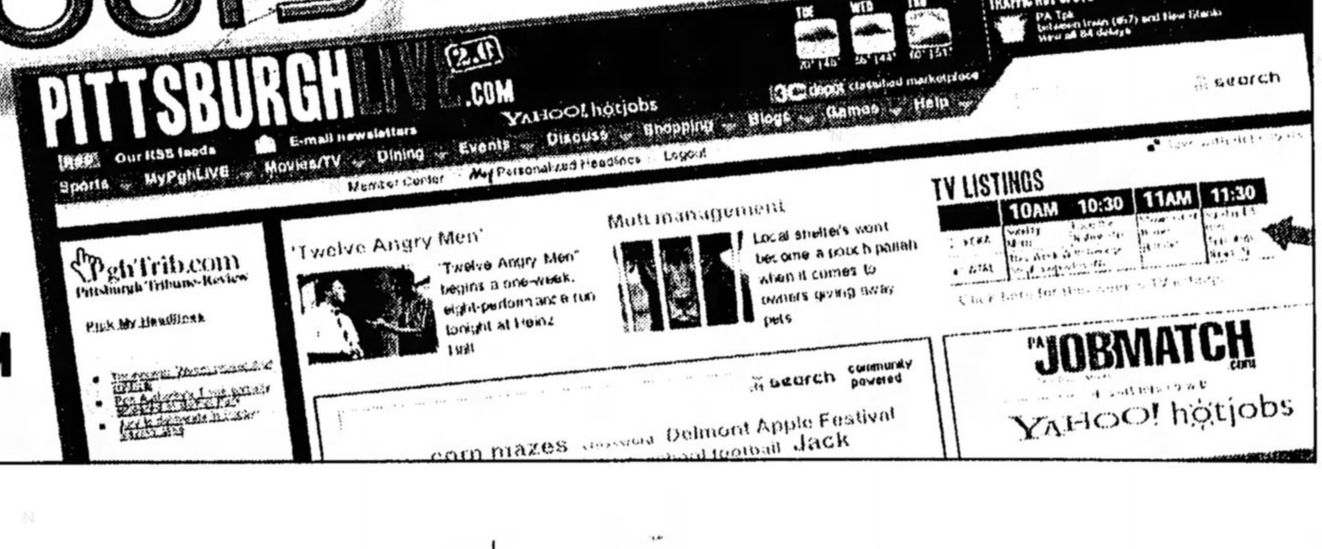
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